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TOWN OF FITCHBURG
MASSACHUSETTS

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OF THE PRINTED RECORDS OF THE TOWN

COMPILED BY
WALTER A. DAVIS, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF FITCHBURG.

March 5, 1901.

The joint standing committee on finance, to which was referred petition No. 173, asking for a continuance of the publication of the old records of the town of Fitchburg during the current year, report that they recommend the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the sum of nine hundred and fifty (\$950) dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of continuing the work of copying and printing the old records of the town of Fitchburg during the current year, under the direction of the City Clerk; said sum to be charged to incidental account.

CHARLES A. BABBITT,	} Committee on Finance.
JOHN R. SMITH,	
GEORGE S. COGSWELL,	
HARRISON BAILEY,	
JOHN LEIPER,	

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 5, 1901.

Report read, accepted, and order adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

WALTER A. DAVIS, *Clerk*.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 5, 1901.

Read, accepted and order adopted. In concurrence.

FRED A. TOLMAN, *Clerk*.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 6, 1901.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 6, 1901.

Approved.

CHARLES A. BABBITT, *Mayor*.

A true copy. Attest:

WALTER A. DAVIS, *City Clerk*.



INTRODUCTORY.

The fourth volume of the printed records of the Town of Fitchburg is here presented to the public. The volume contains a complete transcript of the first two hundred and seventy pages of the third book of manuscript records, and comprises the doings of the town from May 9, 1796, to December 4, 1809.

Two portraits accompany the volume, one of Capt. Israel Turner, the other of Rev. Samuel Worcester, both prominent characters, one in civil proceedings, the other in ecclesiastical affairs of the town during the early years of the last century. The portrait of Capt. Turner is from a painting loaned by Miss Nancy Phillips; that of Mr. Worcester is from an engraving, the original of which was painted by Prof. Samuel F. B. Morse. Besides the portraits there are two pages from the manuscript records reproduced by the heliotype process, from photographs by J. C. Moulton.

This volume, like the previous ones, has been compiled under the oversight of City Clerk Walter A. Davis; the printing has been carefully executed by the Sentinel Printing Company, from copy prepared by Miss Bessie J. Davis, the index being prepared under the supervision of Mr. Frank C. Hoyt.

With reference to paging, as in former volumes, the heavy figures enclosed in brackets represent the paging in the original book.

The Fitchburg Historical society, at whose suggestion and solicitation the project of printing the records was undertaken, desire to express anew their appreciation of the wise and liberal policy of the city government in continuing the appropriations necessary for carrying on the work of copying and printing, and thereby placing these records beyond the possibility of destruction or loss.

J. F. D. G.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER SS.

FITCHBURG, November 16, 1901.

I, WALTER A. DAVIS, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, hereby certify that the following, beginning with page 1 and ending with page 270 in Book III., is a true and correct copy of so much of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg as is contained on the pages and in the volume named; except that the title, paging, explanatory marks and notes have been added in the present volume.

WALTER A. DAVIS,
City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

HARRISON BAILEY, *Notary Public.*

THE OLD RECORDS
OF THE
TOWN OF FITCHBURG,
FROM BOOK III.

[1] Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to direct you in due corse of Law
(Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other

Inhabitants of said Town that are Quallified as the Constitution directes to vote for a Representative to affemble and meet at the meeting house on munday the ninth day of May next at Two oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

To See if the Town will Elect or depute sum meet Person to Represent them in the Great and General Court of this Commonwealth for the year insuing

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord A. D. 1796.

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Paul Wetherbee		
Samuel Gibson		

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin exprefs^d to meet to meet at time and Place and for the purpose with-in mentioned

Fitchburg May 9, 1796

Joseph Polly Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the ninth day of May 1796

1^{ly} Voted to adjorn the meeting untill five oClock.

The Town meet according to adjournment.

It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will send a Man to the Great & General Court to Represent them the year Ensuing

The vote being put it pass^d in the Negative

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of
(Seal) Law to notify the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting house on munday the ninth day of May next at Three oClock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will abate any persons highway tax who hath no open Road, or permit them to work their highway tax to help themselves out, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

[2] 3^{ly} To see if the Town will comply with a request of M^r Amos Fisks to abate his taxes, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to inspect the frame and underpinning of the New meeting house, and also the finishing of s^d House

5^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse an Agent to meet at M^r Joshua Wrights in Templetown on the thirtyeth of May next for the purpose of making a devision of the County

6^{ly} To see if the Town will abate the Minister tax to those persons that profess to be Baptists & Methodists and likewise their propotionable part towards the new meeting House, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

7^y To see if the Town will accept of the report of their Committee chofen to Settle with the Town Treafurer

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentyeth day of April in the year of Our Lord A. D. 1796.

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Paul Wetherbee	
Samuel Gibson	

Perfuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin exprest to meet at the time and place and for the purpofes within Mentioned

Fitchburg May 9th 1796 . . Joseph Polly Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the ninth day of May 1796

1^y Voted & chofe Daniel Putnum Esq^r Moderator

2^y Voted that M^r Afaph Goodridge be allowed his account for what he workt out on the highways on his road the last year

3^y Voted that M^r Afaph Goodridge have liberty to work out his highway tax on his own road and keep the Gates in repair, untill further order of the Town . . .

4^y Voted that M^r George Wood be allowed the Sum of his last years highway rates, his working out that Sum to help himself out to the road and likewise that he be allowed the priviledge to work on a road that he has provided to git to the Town road his highway rates untill further order of the Town

5^y Voted to abate M^r Amos Fisks rates that is uncollected for the year 1794 in the hands of M^r Ezra Ritter Collector for said year

6^y Voted to Chufe a committee to inspect the Frame and underpining of the New Meeting Houfe, and alfo the finishing of said Houfe

7^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of Three

8^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Israel Turner, M^r W^m Small,
& M^r Amos Putnum a committee for the above purpose

9^{ly} Voted to chufe an Agent or agents to meet the
proposed convention at Templetown respecting a devision
of the County

[3] 10^{ly} Voted and Chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r to be
an agent for the above purpose

11^{ly} Voted that Daniel Putnum Esq^r as an agent to
meet at Templetown respecting a Devision of the County,
be instructed not to pertition for a new County unless the
Towns North & Easterly from Fitchburg be aded to the
number of Towns mentioned in the letter to request the
Town to send an agent or agents.

12^{ly} Voted to Chufe a Committee to examine the
Constitution and report to the Town the expediency of
abating the Minister taxes of those persons who profets
themselves to be Baptists and Methodist, and likewise their
propotionable part of the expences towards the New
meeting houle

13^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of five . . .

14^{ly} Voted and Chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Paul Weth-
erbee Cap^t Israel Turner Abel Bawldin & Cap^t Will^m
Brown

15^{ly} Voted That the committee make their report at
the next Town meeting

16. Voted to accept the report of the Committee to
Settle with the Town Treafurer

Daniel Putnum Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town
of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachusetts to direct you to notify and warn
(Seal) by verbal notice the freeholders and other Inhabi-
tants of said Town that are Quallified by Law to
vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the meet-
ing houle on munday the ninth day of this Instent May

at half past five oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1^y To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will make any provision for the refreshment of the Raifers and also the Spectators that shall attend upon the raising of the New meeting House or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said time above mentioned.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord A. D. 1796

John Thurston Jun^r } Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee } Fitchburg

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed to meet at time and place and for the purpofes within mentioned.

Fitchburg May 9th 1796 Joseph Polly Constable

Att a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on Munday the ninth day of May 1796

1^y Voted & Chose Cap^t William Brown Moderator

2^y It was moved and seconded to see if the Town will provide one barrill W I R & Loaf Sugar Sufficient to make it into Toddy for refreshments for the Raifers & Spectators that shall attend raising the new meeting House. The vote being put it pafs in the affirmative.

[4] 3^y Voted to Chuse a committee to deal out the liquors to the Raifers & Spectators on raising Day . .

4^y Voted that the committee consist of five . . .

5^y Voted & chose Deacon Boutell, Reuben Smith, Joseph Polly Doct^r Marshall & Esq^r Putnum as a committee.

Voted to add to the committee two persons viz. Afa Pery & Eph^r Kimball

6^y Voted that the Committee to deal out the liquors & Sugar Sufficient for the Raifers & Spectators in Cafe

the barrill W I R & sugar already voted should be insufficient & bring in their acct to the Town for allowance

7^{ly} Voted to difsolve the meeting

William Brown Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to direct you in due Corse of

Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to assemble and meet at the meeting house in said Town on Munday the twenty-ninth day of this Instant Aug^t at One oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see what sum or Sums of money the Town will raife to supply the Pulpet & support the schools the year Enfning or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raife to pay the Towns Debts and other necffesary charges or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To see if the Town will except of a report of the Committee chofen to Confir with the Baptists & Methadis, and examine the Constitution, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

5^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to supply the Pulpet, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

6^{ly} To if the Town will except of the report of A committee chofen to see the fifty dollars Laid out on the New County road, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

7^{ly} To here the report of their Agent chofen to attend at Templetown the 30th of May last respecting a Division of the County

8^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse an agent or agents

to attend at the adjournment of the Convention at Templetown in the month of Sep^r or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this Eleventh day of August A. D. 1796.

John Thurston Jun^r { Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee { Fitchburg

Perfuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expres^d to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Fitchburg Aug^t 22nd 1796 Joseph Polly Constable

[5] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asssembled on munday the 29th day of August 1796

1st Voted and Chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator . .

2^{ly} Voted to Raife Eighty pounds to supply the Pulpet the year Ensuing

3^{ly} Voted to Raife One hundred pounds to Support the schools the year Ensuing

4^{ly} Voted to Raife Two hundred & Seventy pounds to pay the Towns Debts and other Nefesary charges

5^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee to supply the Pulpet to lay out the Eighty pounds voted for that purpose in the 2nd vote

6^{ly} Voted that the committee consist of three

7^{ly} Voted and Chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r M^r Paul Wetherbee, & M^r John Thurston Jun^r a committee for the above purpose

8^{ly} Voted to instruct the committee chofen to lay out the money to supply the pulpet

9^{ly} Voted that the Committee be instructed to lay out the Eighty pounds to supply the pulpet in the most favorable part of the year they shall think proper . .

10^y Voted to chufe a school committee man or men for each deftrict

11. Voted and chofe Mofes Hale for the first deftrict.

12—Voted and chofe Eliſha Chamberlin for the second deftrict

13—Voted & chofe Jonathan Low & Daniel Harris for the third deftrict

14.—Voted & chofe Benj^a Flint for the fourth deftrict

15—Voted & chofe Abner Sawyer & Seth Phillips for the fifth deftrict.

16—Voted & chofe Enſign Jacob Burnap for the sixth deftrict.

17.—Voted & chofe Amos Ordway & Amos Lawrence for the Seventh deftrict.

18.—Voted that the committee man or men in each deftrict be under the direction of the deftrict they belong too in laying out their money

19th Voted to except the report of a Committee choſen on the ninth day of May laſt to examine and conſider the Conſtitution & the expediency of abating the miniſter tax of thoſe perſons who profeſs to be Baptiſts & Methadiſ and likewise their propotion of the expence towards the new meeting houſe

here follows the report —

We the Subſcribers being choſen a Committee at a Town meeting aſſembled on the ninth day of May laſt to examine the Conſtitution, and conſider the expediency of abating the miniſter tax of thoſe perſons who profeſs to be Baptiſts and Methadiſ and likewise their propotion of the expence towards the new meeting houſe—viz That it is not expedient to abate any perſons Miniſter rate in this Town Either Methadiſ or Baptiſts unleſs they are formed into a Society and are known as Such by the Conſtitution and Laws of this Commonwealth.

Secondly That it is agreeable to the Conſtitution that all our Inhabitants be taxed to the miniſter and paid into the Town treaſurer (but) them perſons who profeſs to be Baptiſts and Methodiſ who ſhall produce to the Town treaſurer a Certificate from a Religious teacher of any

incorporate Society either Sexs that he attends on their Religious instructions, that the Treafurer be directed to pay to such teachers Such sum or Sums as they are taxed to the Minifter in this Town

Thirdly that no person be exempted from paying their propotion towards the New meeting House who is an Inhabitant of this Town all which is humbly Submitted.

Signd by the Committee

Daniel Putnum, Paul Wetherbee, Israel Turner, W^m Brown.

August 27th 1796

20—Voted to except the report of the Committee appointed to lay out Fifty dollars on the New County road, Here follows the report.—

The committee chofen by the Town of Fitchburg to expend Fifty dollars on the County New Road have attened the beinefs agreable to order of the Town & beg leave to report viz Began at the foot of the Hill & Laid out Five Lotts which reached the high of Land on said New Road On venduing four of said Lotts expended nearly the above Said Sum of Fifty dollars. your committee thought propper with the advice of the Company present to go on, and vendue the 5th Lott when we found the whole amount to Sixty dollars Signd by the Committee Aug^t 29th 1796

21^y Voted to chufe an agent or agents to attend a convention at Templetown on the first Tusday Sep^t next

22nd Voted to send Two agents to the Convention

23.—Voted & Chofe Daniel Putnum Esq^r & Cap^t Israel Turner to attend the Convention

24—Voted to Defolve this meeting, the meeting was accordingly Difsolved

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[6] Worcester. fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corfe of
Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
other other Inhabitants of said Town that are Quallified

by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at the meeting House in said Town on Munday the twenty forth day of this instant Oct^r at one OClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz).

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to provide the money for M^r John Putnum Ju^r the undertaker of the new meeting house that is likely to be deficient or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . .

3^{ly} To see if the Town will sell the Pews in the New meeting house that are the Towns property or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper

4^{ly} To see if the Town will choose a committee to lay out the Ground for Stabling near the New meeting house or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

5^{ly} To see if the Town will procure the triming for the pulpit.

6^{ly} To see if the Town will give their Committee any instructions that was chosen to lay out the Eighty pounds, whether to hire preaching constantly or otherwise, to particularise the months they wish to be destitute.

7^{ly} To see if the Town will here and allow the request of Abraham Willard.

8^{ly} To see if the Town will make any provision for painting the Ruff of the New meeting house or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned.

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this third day of Oct^r in the year of our Lord A. D. 1796

John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee } said Town

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town Quallified as theirin exprest to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Abijah Goodridge Constable

Fitchburg Oct^r 24th 1796.

Att a legal meeting Assembled on the 24th Oct^r 1796

1st Voted and chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Moderator

2^{ly} Voted and chose Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro. tem.

3^{ly} Voted to pass over the Second article in the warrant for the present

4^{ly} Voted to sell the Pews in the New meeting house in four weeks from this day. One quarter part of the money to be paid at the time the money becomes due to the undertaker The other three quarters to be paid in twelve months, on Interest, Two dollars Earnest on Each pew below, and one dollar earnest on each pew above, which earnest to be deducted from the first payment.

5^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee to sell the Pews

6^{ly} Voted & chose for said Committee Cap^t Brown Cap^t Israel Turner & M^r Afa Perry

7^{ly} Voted to take up the second article in the warrant.

8— Voted that the Selectmen be impowered with the Town Treafurer to hire what money will be nefesary to pay the undertaker when it becomes due

[7] 9^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to lay out the Ground for the Stables and report at the next meeting . .

10^{ly} Voted and chose for said Committee Maj^r John Goodridge, Cap^t Benj^a Marhall & Deacon Kendall Boutell

11^{ly} Voted that two be added to the above Committee.

12^{ly} Voted & Chose Cap^t William Brown & Lieu^t Afaph Goodridge in addition

13^{ly} Voted to add two more to said Committee.

14^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Phinehas Hartwell & Cap^t Tho^s Thurston be aded to the above Committee . . .

15^{ly} Voted to trim the pulpit

16th Voted to chuse a committee to procure a decent trimming for the pulpit in the cheapest manner for the Town

17th Voted and chose Lieut Edward Durant for said Committee

18th Voted that the Committee procure Constant preaching till the Eighty Pounds is laid out.

19th Voted to comply with the request of Abraham Willard so far back, as including the year 1792.

20th Voted to Paint the Ruff of the meeting

Voted to chuse a committee to paint the Roof of the Meeting Houfe

Voted and Chose Cap^t W^m Brown M^r Afa Perry & M^r John Thurston for the Committee

Voted to let out the painting of the Roof of the Meeting houfe at Publick vendue to the lowest bidder at the most convenient time for the benefit of the Town to be done to the acceptance of said Committee

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to pay M^r Abraham Willard the money due to him agreeable to the vote, & that Peter Snow assist him in making a calculation.

Voted that the Committee for laying out the ground for the Stabling make a plan of the Stables so that they may be all uniform

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Daniel Putnum Moderator

Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro. Tem.

a true copy from the minutes

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you forthwith by ver-
(Seal) bal notice to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet and affemble at the meeting houfe on Munday the twenty forth day of this instant Oct^r at four oClock. P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

first To chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will make any amendment to the vote that was past the twenty ninth of August respecting the baptist and Methodis fetching a Certificate from an incorporated Society or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will provide a Clock to hang

in the front of the New meeting House or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

[8] Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty forth day of Oct^r 1796

John Thurston Ju^r {
Paul Wetherbee { Selectmen

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Fitchburg Oct^r 24th 1796. Joseph Polly Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asssembled on Munday the 24th Oct^r 1796.

1st Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Jun^r Moderator

Voted that the town so far amend their vote pased the 29th of Aug^t 1796 respecting considering the expediency of taxing the Babtists & Methodists that they shall bring a certificate from a teacher of a Religious Society infed of a certificate from a teacher of a Religious incorporated Society,

Voted that Peter Snow asist the Town Treafurer in examining the Certificates apportioning the demand &c

Voted not to provide a Clock for the New meeting house

Voted to give liberty to hang a Clock in the New meeting House provided it is given

Voted that this meeting be disolved

John Thurston Ju^r Moderator
Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro. Tem.

A true copy from the minutes

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in Due corse of
 (Seal) Law to notify and warn the freeholders and other
 Inhabitants of said Town that are Quallified as
 the Constitution Directs to vote for Representatives to the
 General Court of this Commonwealth, to meet and assem-
 ble at the meeting house on munday the Seventh Day of
 Nov^r next at three OClock in the after noon, and when
 meet to give in their votes to the Selectmen who shall
 preside at said meeting for One Elector of President &
 Vice President of the United States

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
 your doings thereon to Sum one of us on or before said
 Day and time above mentioned

given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this
 twenty forth Day of Oct^r A. D. 1796.

John Thurston Ju ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Paul Wetherbee	
Sam ^l Gibson	

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the
 Inhabitants of s^d Town Quallified as therein exprest to
 meet at the time and place and for the purposes within
 mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable

Fitchburg Oct^r 7th 1796.

[9] At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg Affembled on munday the 7th day of Nov^r 1796
 for the purpose of chusing an Elector for a President &
 Vice President for the United States of America

The Town being affembled & the votes called for and
 brought in counted & sorted, and a declaration made of
 the Persons voted for, and is as follows (viz)

For James Winthrop Esq^r 20 —

For Elbridge Gary Esq^r 19 —

John Thurston Ju ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Sam ^l Gibson	
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.	

Worcester: fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) these are in the Name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you by verbal notice
 and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote for a Representative to affemble and meet at the meeting house on Monday the Seventh day of November instant at four oClock P. M. and when meet to give in their votes for a Federal Representative for the Second middle Distric to the Selectmen who shall preside at said meeting agreeable to a late act of the General Court.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said time above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Seventh Day of November in the year 1796.

John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen of
 Paul Wetherbee } Fitchburg

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed to meet at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Abijah Goodridge Constable

Fitchburg Nov^r 7th 1796.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 7th day of Nov^r 1796 for the purpose of chusing a Representative for the second middle Distric of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Represent us in the Congress of the United States of America—

The Town being affembled & the votes call^d for and brought in counted & sorted & declaration made of the Persons voted for and is as follows (viz)

For Joseph. B Norman Esq^r 30

For Sam^l Dexter Esq^r 2

John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen of
 Sam^l Gibson } Fitchburg

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[10] Worcester. ss. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maſſachuſetts to require you in due corſe of

Law by verbal notice to notify & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to aſſemble & meet at the meeting houſe in ſ^d Fitchburg on Munday Seventh day of this Inſtant Nov^r at five oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2^{ly} To ſee if the Town will here and except the report of the Committee choſen the nineteenth of Oct^r laſt to lay out the Ground for Stabling, or act any thing theiron as they ſhall think proper

3^{ly} To ſee what method the Town will point out for individuals to come at the Ground to Set their Stables on, or act any thing theiron as they ſhall think proper

4^{ly} To ſee if the Town will pay back the Dollar that was advanced when the Pews was bid of, to thoſe perſons that flung up their Pews in Conſequence of the meeting houſe being removed, or act any thing theiron as they ſhall think proper

5^{ly} To ſee if the Town will give the Town Treafurer any further inſtruction reſpecting paying out the money to the Baptist and Methodiſt, or act any thing theiron as they ſhall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ſum one of us on or before ſaid above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this ſeventh day of November in the year 1796.

John Thurſton Ju^r } Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee } Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of ſaid Town Qualified as theirin expreſs^d to meet at time & place and for the purpoſes within mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Conſtable

Fitchburg Nov^r 7th 1796.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 7th Nov^r 1796.

1^{ly} Voted & chose Deacon Sam^l Gibson Moderator

2^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour to the House of the Widow Cowdins

The Town meet according to adjournment

3rd Voted to pass over the second article in the warrant for the present and act upon the 3rd article

4^{ly} The vote being put to see the minds of the Town whether the highest bidder shall have his choice of the stable Ground as staked out by the Towns committee, it pass^d in the affirmative

5^{ly} Voted to take up the 2nd Article in the warrant respecting the Stable ground

6^{ly} Voted to pass over the 2nd Article in the warrant

7^{ly} Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to pay back the dollar to the purchaser, that they advanced upon the bid on the Pew they Purchased at Vendue and was afterwards flung up by them in Consequence of the meeting house being removed,

8^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting to Munday the 14th of this Inth Nov^r at one oClock in the afternoon at the meeting house in said Town

Nov^r 14. 1796 The Town meet according to adjournment

[11] 9^{ly} Voted to take up the 2nd article in the warrant

10^{ly} Voted to accept the report of the Committee that Laid out the Stable Ground

Here follow the report of the Committee (viz)

We of the Committee do hereby agree that the Stables by the Meeting House in Fitchburg may be.—Ten the south of the Meeting House begining at the corner of John Putnum Ju^{rs} land and runing East one hundred feet on Land of Benj^a Danforth, and more if needed; also their may be twenty three Stables west of the meeting house, begining at the County Road and runing mostly North One hundred & Sixty feet on Cap^t William Browns line, then making an Angle and runing partly Northwest Seventy feet on said Browns Land, And we likewise agree

that the said Stables to be ten feet Square on the Ground, and with a jet roof the fore side five feet, this is our Opinnion Confsidering what Conveniences the Town has

signd by John Goodridge
 Kendal Boutell
 Benja^a Marshall
 William Brown

Here follows a request of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg —

To the Inhabitants of Fitchburg assembled in Town meeting for the purpose of hereing and determining the matter respecting building Stables at the New Meeting house as their has ben many modes adopted but not Etablised as yet.

We the Subscribers being Inhabitants of said Town that will convene in one road to the meeting house, Do desire and request of the Town that we may be accommodated together on one plat of ground for the building of Stables, which is on the Common Northwesterly from said meeting House, bounded on Cap^t W^m Browns Land near to the Road we shall travel to the Meeting house so as not to incumber or discommode the Road, or Common, or a fair Prospect to the meeting house from the road we travel to Convene for Worship. This granted though expencive for building may raise our Esteem and give us better feelings Brethren. Nov^r 14th 1796. Signd by —

Phinehas Hartwell
 Thomas Thurston
 Stephen Thurston
 Abraham Farwell
 Ebn^r Thurston
 Edward Scott
 Aaron Wheeler
 Ephraim Hartwell
 Phinehas Allen
 Ebenezer Hutchinso
 John Scott
 Jacob Burnap

11^{ly} Voted that their request be so far granted as to give them liberty to build Stables agreeable to the towns vote, on fifty feet of ground lying at the North End of the hundred & sixty feet on the Towns Land if their is rome Sufficient on the Towns Land so as not to intrude on the road.

12^{ly} Voted to Chuse a committee to sell by Vendue, the choice of the Stable ground laid out on the Towns Land agreeable to the forth vote pafs^d on this warrant

13^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of three.

14^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Asa Perry, M^r Paul Wetherbee, & Cap^t Benj^a Marshall

15^{ly} Voted that the Stable Ground be sold next monday at One oClock at Miss Cowdin.

16 The vote being put to see whether the Town will order the Treaferer to pay back to their teachers of all those persons, their money, that they have paid towards the Support of the Ministry who ware formally cleared as Baptists and have ben taxed since the year 1791 now belonging to the Town of Fitchburg, that now professes to be Baptist, And also all those Methodist since they Joined that order, Each order bringing a Certificate agreeable to the vote of the Town, The Baptists & Methodist laying no Claim for the Expences the Town has ben at for M^r Paysons being dismised, & for the Expende of building the New meeting house. And it Pafs^d in the affirmitive

17. Voted to disolve this meeting

Sam^l Gibson Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[12] Worcester. fs. To M^r Abijah Goodridge one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County

Greeting

(Seal) These Are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachusetts to direct you in due Corfe of
Law to Notify and warn all the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of said Town that are Quallified by
Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the
Meeting house on Munday the ninth Day of January next

at one oClock. P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles: (viz)

first To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will here and Except the report of their Committee chofen to inspect the Building of the New meeting house or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

3^y To see if the Town will dedicate the New Meeting house or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

4^y To see if the Town will here and Grant the request of Abraham Willard and others or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

5^y To see if the Town will here and Grant the petition of Ruth Smith wife of Ephraim Smith or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned, given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty sixth day of December in the year of Our Lord 1796.

John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen of
Paul Wetherbee } Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of s^d Town Quallified as theirin Exprefs^d to meet at the time and place and for the Purpofes within mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable

Fitchburg Jan^y 9th 1797

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 9th of January 1797

1st Voted and chofe Deacon Kendel Boutell Moderator

2nd Voted to adjorn this meeting to the house of the Widow Cowdins for ten minutes.

The Town meet according to adjornment

3rd Voted to pafs over the 2nd & 3rd article in the warrant for the present and take up the forth article and act upon it.

4^y It was moved and seconded, To see if the Town will answer the request of M^r Abraham Willard & others so far as to pay back all the money that they requested in their petition. And it pass^d in the Negative.

5^y It was moved & seconded, To see if the Town will grant the Petition of M^r Abraham Willard and others; It pass^d in the Negative.

6^y It was moved and Seconded, That M^r David Macintire and M^r Elijah Macintire be put upon the same footing respecting the Towns paying back their Minister taxes so far back as the Town voted to pay M^r Samuel Gibson and have settled with him accordingly. and it pass^d in the affirmative.

[13] 7^y Voted to take up the second article in the warrant

8—Voted to accept the report of the Committee respecting the acceptance of the New meeting house agreeable to the Committees report which is as follows—(viz)

The committee chose by the Town of Fitchburg to inspect the building of the Meeting House have attended on that business and beg leave to report (viz)

That it is the opinion of the Subscribers that as far as the work is done it is agreeable to contract.

Fitchburg Jan ^y 9 th 1797	Israel Turner Amos Putnum Will ^m Small.	} Committee
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The contractor hereby Engages to do the remainder of the work agreeable to contract

John Putnum Ju^r

9th Voted to Dedicate the New Meeting house . . .

10^y Voted that on Thursday the 19th day of the present month at half past Eleven oClock be the time appointed to dedicate the New meeting house

11^y Voted that The Rev^d M^r Adams be requested to preach the Sermon at the Dedication

12—Voted that the Deacons be a committee to request M^r Adams to Preach the Sermon and likewise to invite the other Neighbouring ministers to attend at the same time.

13th Voted that Cap^t Will^m Brown Entertain the ministers on the Day of Dedication.

14—Voted to grant Mrs Ruth Smith the wife of Eph^r Smith her request which is as follows viz

To the Selectmen of Fitchburg Gentlemen I desire considering my deplorable Situation being turned out into the World, without house or home to git a living by the work of my hands, not wishing to be chargeable to you or any other place, I therefore pray that the Town would relinquish all right or claim that they might have on the Estate real and Personal of my Hon. Mother which will belong to me at her decease for the Maintainence of My husband Eph^r Smith.

Rutland Nov^r 1st 1796 Ruth Smith.

15th Voted that the Saxton or the person that hath the care of the meeting house be directed to open the meeting house Doors to the Baptist and Methodist and their Teachers at such times as the Congregational part of the Town do not want to use said House, untill the further order of the Town.

16th Voted to disolve this meeting.

Kendol Boutell Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[14] Daniel Farwell's Deed

Know all men by these Presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town, In confideration of Sixty Seven Dollars paid by Daniel Farwell of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Daniel Farwell by virtue of authority vested in me by a vote of said Town, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 a certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 2 agreeable to the Plan of said Pews on the lower floor.

To have and to hold the afore-granted premisfes to

the said Daniel his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Daniel his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Daniel, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Daniel, his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the above mentioned authority have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Ebn^r Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signd, seald, and delivered

in preface of us

John Thurston Ju^r

Israel Turner.

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Ebn^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me . . . Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d y^e 24th Jan^y 1797 And Recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Kendol Boutell's Deed

Know all men by these presents That I Ebn^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town in consideration of One hundred and Ten dollars paid by Kendol Boutell of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Gentleman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Kendol Boutell by virtue of Authority vested in me, by a vote of said Town, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 Two certain Pews in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 4 and N^o 12 on the lower Floor agreeable to the Plan of said Pews. To have and

to hold the afore-granted Premises to the said Kindol his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Kendol his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore granted Premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Kindol, And that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Kindol his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all persons in witness whereof I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the above mentioned authority have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven. Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and deliverd

in prefence of us —

Israel Turner

John Thurston Ju^r

Worcester, ss. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed

Before me . . Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace.

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And Recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[15] James Pool^s Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treafurer for s^d Town In consideration of Thirty three Dollars & fifty Cents paid by James Pool of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said James Pool by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Asssembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in s^d Fitchburg N^o 24 on the lower Floor agreeable to the Plan of said Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold

the afore-granted premises to the said James his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said James his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said James, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said James his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of authority above mentioned have here unto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treas^r (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in prefence of us

John Thurston Ju^r

Israel Turner.

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Joseph Downe^s Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treasurer for s^d Town in consideration of Twenty Eight Dollars and Sixty Seven Cents paid by Joseph Downe of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Joseph Downe by virtue of authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 20 on the lower Floor

agreeable to the Plan of said Town as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Joseph his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joseph, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the authority above mentioned, have here unto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and deli^d

in prefence of us

John Thurston Ju^r

Israel Turner

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797. Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free Act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[16] Joseph Low Jun^r Deed

Know all men by these presents, that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treasurer for said Town, In consideration of Fifty six Dollars paid by Joseph Low Jun^r of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Joseph Low Ju^r by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of March

AD. 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 7 on the lower Floor, agreeable to the Plan of said Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Joseph his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said Joseph And that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned have here unto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in prefence of us —

Paul Wetherbee

John Thurston Jun^r

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me . . . Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Joseph Fox,s Deed

Know all men by these presents, that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Maffachusetts Yeoman and Treasurer for said Town, In confideration of Forty Six dollars & fifty Cents paid by Joseph Fox of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Esq^r The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Joseph Fox Esq^r by Virtue of Authority Vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Affembled on the Tenth day of March

AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 11, on the lower floor agreeable to the Plan of said Pews To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Joseph his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joseph, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all Persons. In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by Virtue of authority above mentioned, have here unto sett my hand and Seal this twenty forth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in presence of us

John Thurston Ju^r

Daniel Putnum Ju^r

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act & Deed before me.

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[17] Israel Turner^s Deed

Know all men by these presents, That I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman, & Treafurer for said Town, In consideration of Thirty four Dollars lawfull money paid by Israel Turner of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Gentleman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Israel Turner by virtue of authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of

March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 29, on the lower floor, agreeable to a Plan of the Pews as the are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Israel his heirs and assigns to his & their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Israel his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Israel, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Israel his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the authority above mentioned, have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in prefence of us —

John Thurston Ju^r

Moses Hale.

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be free act and Deed — before me,

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Kendol Boutell Jun^r Deed

Know all men by these presents, That I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treasurer for said Town, In consideration of Thirty four Dollars & thirty three Cents lawfull money paid by Kendol Boutell Jun^r of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Kendol Boutell Jun^r By Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants

Affembled on the Tenth day of March 1795, A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 25 on the lower floor agreeable to the Plan of said Pews as they are now built. To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Kendol his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Kendol his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Kendol, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Kendol his heirs and assigns, forever, against the Lawfull Claims and demands of all Persons. In witness whereof I the Eben^r Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, & delivered

in prefence of us —

Israel Turner

John Thurston Ju^r

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 24th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[18] Hannah Cowdins Deed

Know all men by these presents, That I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treafurer for said Town, In confideration of Sixty six Dollars & fifty Cents Lawfull money paid by Hannah Cowdin of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Hannah Cowdin by Virtue

of Authority Vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795, A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 3 agreeable to the Plan of said Pews, as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Hannah her heirs and assigns to her and their Use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Hannah her heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to Sell and convey the Same to the said Hannah, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Hannah, her heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all Persons. In witness whereof the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the above mentioned Authority, have here unto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven in presence of us

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in prefence of us

John Thurston Jun^r

John Goodridge.

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 26th 1797 And recorded by —

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Thomas Cowdins Deed

Know all men by these presents, that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town in confideration of Forty three Dollars lawfull money paid by Tho^s Cowdin of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell

and convey unto the said Thomas Cowdin by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Affembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 16 on the lower floor agreeable to the plan of said Pews, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Thomas his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Thomas, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all Persons. In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned, have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered
in prefence of us —
John Goodridge
Angier Cowdin

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 26th 1797 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[19] Angier Cowdins Deed

Know all men by these presets, That I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town, In confideration of Eighteen Dollars lawfull money paid by Angier Cowdin of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Labourour, The receipt

whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Angier Cowdin by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795, A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 8, in the Gallery agreeable to the Plan of the Pews, as they are now built. To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Angier his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Angier his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Angier, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Angier his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Seald, and delivered

in presence of us —

John Goodridge

Abijah Goodridge

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Inftrument to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 26th 1797 And recorded by.—

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

David Hodgskins Deed

Know all men by thes presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town in Confederation of Forty one dollars & fifty Cents

lawfull money paid by David Hodgskins of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said, Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said David Hodgskins by virtue of authority vested in me by a vote of said Town, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the Tenth day of March AD. 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting houle in said Fitchburg N^o 14 on the lower floor agreeable to the Plan of said Pews as they are now built. To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said David his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said David his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfull Seized in fee of the afore granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said David, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said David his heirs and assigns, forever, against the Lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof, I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned have here unto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven.

Ebn^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed and delivered
in prefence of us.

Thomas Gibson

Peter Snow.

Worcester fs. April 3rd 1797 the above named Ebn^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d April 3rd 1797 and Recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[20] Aaron Eaton Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebne^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachussetts, Yeoman and Treafurer for said

Town, In confideration of Eighteen dollars and fifty Cents lawfull money paid by Aaron Eaton of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Aaron Eaton by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Afsembled on the Tenth day of March 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting Houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 25 in the Gallery agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore granted premifes to the said Aaron his heirs and affigns to his and their Ufe and behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Aaron his heirs and affigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore granted premiffes; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Aaron, And that I will warrant and defend the same premifes to the said Aaron his heirs and affigns forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said Ebne^r Thurston by Virtue of Authority above mentioned, have here unto set my hand and and Seal this twenty forth day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven
Ebne^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Seald and delivered
in prefence of us.
Thomas Gibson
Peter Snow

Worcester fs. April 3rd 1797 Then the above named Ebne^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me,
Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace.

Rec^d 21st April 1797 and recorded by
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Jonathan Woods Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebne^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said

Town, In confideration of Fifty One dollars & fifty Cents lawfull money paid by Jonathan Wood of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Gentleman, The recp^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Jon^s Wood by virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 a certain Pew in the New meeting Houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 8 on the lower floor agreeable to the Plan of said Pews, — To have and to hold the afore-granted premifes to the said Jonathan his heirs and Affigns to his and their Ufe and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Jonathan his heirs and Affigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore granted premifes; that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Jonathan, and that I will warrant and defend the same premifes to the said Jonathan his heirs and affigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witnefs whereof I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the authority above mentioned have here unto set my hand and seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thoufand Seven hundred and ninety seven.

Ebn^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd seald and delivered

in prefence of us.

David Pratt

John Thurston Ju^r

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 then the above named Ebn^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace.

Rec^d May 18th 1797 & recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[21] Tho^s Cowdin to Blany Phillips Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Cowdin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Yeoman—In confideration

of Fourteen dollars thirty three Cents lawfull money paid by Blany Phillips of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant, sell and convey unto the said Blany Phillips, One third part of Pew N^o 16 on the lower flower in the New meeting house, that is one half of pew N^o 17 as they are now built To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Blany his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Blany his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Blany, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Blany his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all persons in witnefs whereof I the said Thomas Cowdin have here unto set my hand and Seal this eight day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety Seven.

Tho^s Cowdin (Seal)

Signd sealed and delivered
in prefence of us.

Seth Phillips

Robert Sampson

Worcester fs August 21st 1797 then the above named Thomas Cowdin personally appeared & acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Israel Turner Justice of the Peace

Recd 21st Aug^t 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Jon^a Wood to Blany Phillips.

Know all men by these presents that I Jonathan Wood of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Gentleman, In confideration of Seventeen dollars and Seventeen Cents paid by Blany Phillips of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, The recpt^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge Do hereby grant sell and convey unto the said

Blany Phillips half of the Pew in the New Meeting house now numbered Seventeen in said Fitchburg on the lower floor not according to the plan of said pews it being one third of number eight the west End according to the plan

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Blany his heirs and assigns to his & their Use and behoof forever that I have good right to sell the same to the said Blany, And that I will Warrant and defend the Same premises to the said Blany his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witnefs whereof I the said Jonathan Wood have hereunto set my hand and Seal this April 6th day in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety Seven

Jonathan Wood (Seal)

Signd Seald & deliverd
in prefence of

Simeon Farwell
James Cowdin

Worcester. Is: April 6th 1797 Then the above Jonathan Wood personally appeared & acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act & Deed before

Israel Turner Justice of peace

[22] Thomas Eaton, to Robert Sampson a Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Tho^s Eaton of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Yeoman

In confideration of Twenty One dollars lawfull money paid by Robert Sampson of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Yeoman.

The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Robert Sampson The one half of a Certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 44 on the lower floor quantity & quallity, To have and to hold the afore-granted premiffes to the said Robert his heirs and assigns to his and there Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Robert that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances;

that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Robert and that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Robert his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Tho^s Eaton have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty first day of August In the year One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Thomas Eaton (Seal)

Signd Sealed & deliverd

in presence of—

Tho^s Cowdin

Aaron Wheeler

Worcester. fs, August 21st 1797 Then the above named Thomas Eaton personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act & Deed before me

Israel Turner Justice of the peace

Rec^d Aug^t 21st 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Stephen Thurston Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebn^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman & Treafurer for s^d Town In consideration of Forty two dollars & fifty Cents lawfull money paid by Stephen Thurston of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman—

The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Stephen Thurston by virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled the Tenth day of March AD. 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 41 on the lower Floor agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Stephen his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Stephen his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to Sell and convey

the Same to the said Stephen. And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the s^d Stephen his heirs and assigns forever; against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof, I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the authority above mentioned, have here unto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Ebn^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, and delivered

in prefence of us —

John Thurston Ju^r

John Putnum Ju^r

Worcester fs. January 24th 1797 then the above named Ebenezer Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed — before me

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d August 24th 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[23] John Thurston Jun^r a Deed

Know all Men by these presents, That I Ebnezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town — In confideration of Thirty six dollars & Sixty Seven cents lawfull money paid by John Thurston Ju^r of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said John Thurston Ju^r by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled the tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 49 on the lower floor agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said John his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever and I do covenant with the said John his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the

afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said John, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said John his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witness whereof I the said Ebenezer Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned, have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven, . . . Ebenezer Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of . . .

Jonathan Wood

Paul Wetherbee

Worcester fs January 24th 1797 Then the above named Ebenezer Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed before me Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d Nov^r 14th 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Thomas Thurston Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treasurer for said Town In consideration of Forty four dollars lawfull money paid by Thomas Thurston of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said, Gentleman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Thomas Thurston by virtue of Authority Vested in me by a vote of s^d Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants, assembled on the Tenth day of March 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 37 on the lower Floor agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built . . .

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Thomas his heirs and Assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of

the afore-granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Thomas, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all Persons In witness whereof I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned, have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven. Eben^r Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and delivered—

in preface of

John Thurston Ju^r

John Goodridge

Worcester. fs: January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free Act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d 29th Nov^r 1797 and Recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[24] Ephraim Kimboll^s Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebne^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman — and Treasurer for said Town, In consideration of Thirty Seven dollars & thirty three Cents lawfull money paid by Ephraim Kimboll of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant, Sell and convey unto the said Ephraim Kimboll by virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the Tenth day of March AD. 1795, A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 42. on the lower floor agreeable to the plan of the Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Ephraim his heirs and Assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Ephraim his heirs and Assigns, that

I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to Sell und convey the same to the said Ephraim, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Ephraim his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witnesses whereof I the said Ebene^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned have here unto set my hand & seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven.

Ebene^r Thurston Treafurer. (Seal)

Signd Seald & deliverd
in prefence of us.

Worcester. fs: December 30th 1797 Then the above named Ebene^r Thurston personally appeared & acknowledged the above Infrement to me his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d 30th December 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Ebene^r Thurston^s Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Fox of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esq^r & Clerk for said Town of Fitchburg In confideration of Fifty six dollars & Eighty three cents lawfull money paid by Ebene^r Thurston of Fitchburg afore said Yeoman, The recep^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant, sell and convey unto the said Ebene^r Thurston by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled the eighteenth day of May 1797, Two certain Pews in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg viz N^o 32 on the lower floor, And N^o 26 in the Gallery agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Ebene^r Thurston his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever And I do covenant with the said Ebene^r Thurston his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted Premises; that they are

free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Eben^r Thurston, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Eben^r his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all Persons. In witness whereof I the said Joseph Fox by virtue of the Authority above mentioned—have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this twenty Eighth day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk (Seal)

Signd Seald & delivered

in prefence of us —

Zacheus Farwell

Thomas Gibson.

Worcester. fs: December 30th 1797 Then the above named Joseph Fox Esq^r personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnum Justice of the Peace

Rec^d 30 December 1797 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[25] Joseph Fox^s Deed

Know all men by these present That I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town, In confideration of Fifty dollars lawfull money paid by Joseph Fox of Fitchburg afore said Esq^r The recep^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Joseph Fox by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 Two Certain Pews in the New Meeting House in said Fitchburg N^o 47 on the lower flower & N^o 15 in the Gallery

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Joseph his his and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Joseph his heirs and Assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all in-

cumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joseph, And that I will warrant and defend the Same premises to the said Joseph his heirs and Affigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof, I the said Ebenezer Thurston by Virtue of Authority above mentioned, have here unto set my hand and Seal this First day of January In the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety Eight. Ebenezer Thurston Treafurer — (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, & delivered
in prefence of us,
Abraham Willard
Oliver Fox

Worcester, fs, March 12th 1798 then the above named Ebene^r Thurston personally appeared and Acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free Act and Deed Before me — Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d March 12th 1798 And recorded by
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Daniel M. Stearns Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Maffachufetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town in confideration of Forty dollars & thirty three Cents lawfull money paid by Daniel. M. Stearns of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman, The recept^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Daniel. M. Stearns by virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of March AD. 1795 a certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 10 on the lower floor agreable to the Plan of said Pews

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Daniel his heirs and Affigns to his & their Use and behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Daniel his heirs and Affigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incum-

brances; that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Daniel, and that I will warrant and defend the Same premises to the said Daniel his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and Demands of all Persons, In witness whereof, I the said Ebenezer Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned, have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Seven Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and delivered

in prefence of us

John Thurston Ju^r

Moses Hale

Worcester fs January 24th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peice

Recd^d Jan^y 3rd 1799 and recored by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[26] Joseph Fox Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Daniel. M. Stearns of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, In consideration of Sixty Six dollars & Sixty Six Cents paid by Joseph Fox of Fitchburg afore said Esq^r the receipt^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Joseph Fox, A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o Ten on the lower flour, To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Joseph Fox his heirs and Assigns to his & their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Joseph Fox his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Joseph Fox and that I will warrant and defend the Same premises to the said Joseph Fox his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said

Daniel. M. Stearns have hereunto Set my hand and Seal
this third Day of January in the year of our Lord One
thousand Seven hundred & ninety nine

Daniel. M. Stearns (Seal)

I consent Mary Stearns . . . (Seal)

Signd Seald & delivered
in prefence of—

Daniel Putnam

Jacob Gibson

Jonathan Davis

Worcester fs January 3rd 1799 then Daniel M. Stearns
personally appeared and acknowledged the above infre-
ment to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peice

Rec^d 4th of Janry 1799 & recored by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Daniel. M. Stearns Deed

Know all men by these presents that I, Joseph Fox of
Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Common-
wealth of Maffachufetts Esq^r. In confideration of Sixty
dollars paid by Daniel M. Stearns of Fitchburg afore said
Yeoman, The recp^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do
hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Daniel
M. Stearns A certain Pew in the New meeting house in
said Fitchburg Number Forty Seven on the lower floor,
To have and to hold the afore-granted premifes to the
said Daniel his heirs and affigns to his and their Ufe and
behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Daniel his
heirs and affigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the
afore-granted premifes; that they are free of all incum-
brances; that I have good right to sell and convey the
same to the said Daniel, and that I will warrant and
defend the Same premifes to the said Daniel his heirs and
Affigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands
of all persons. In witnefs whereof I the said Joseph Fox
have hereunto set my hand & seal this third day of Janu-
ary in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred
& ninety nine.

Joseph Fox (Seal)

Signd Sealed & delivered

in prefence of—

Daniel Putnum

Jacob Gibson.

Worcester fs January 3rd 1799 then Joseph Fox above named, personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed—before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d January 4th 1799. & recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[27] John Carter Jun^{rs} Deed

Know all men by these presents, that Angier Cowdin of Fitchburg in County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman, in Consideration of Eighteen Dollars lawful Money, paid by John Carter of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth aforefaid, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, & convey unto the said John Carter Jun^r A Certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 8, in the Gallery—To have & to hold the afore granted premises to the said John, his heirs, & Afsigns, to his & their use and Behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said John, his Heirs, and Afsigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises; That they are free of all Incumbrances; That I have good right to sell and Convey the same to the said John—And that I will warrant & defend the same Premises to the said John his heirs and afsigns forever, against the lawful Claims and Demands of all Persons in Witnefs whereof I the said Angier Cowdin have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Eleventh Day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. Angier Cowdin (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, & Deliverd

in presents of Us

Daniel Putnam

John Thurston Jun^r

Worcester ff. January 15th 1799 Then the above named Angier Cowdin personally appeared and acknowl-

edged the Above Instrumnt to be his free Act & Deed —
before me Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Recd^d Jany 15th 1799 & recorded for

Joseph Fox Town Clerk
Oliver Fox

[28] Daniel Putnam's Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treasurer for said Town In consideration of fifty Six dollars lawfull money paid by Daniel Putnam of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Esq^r. The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Daniel Putnum Esq^r by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants asssembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795, A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 9 on the lower floor, agreeable to the Plan of said Pews as they are now built,

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Daniel his heirs and Assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Daniel his heirs and Assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to Sell and convey the Same to the said Daniel, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Daniel his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all Persons, in witness whereof I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the above mentioned Authority have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven. Eben^r Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, and delivered

in prefence of

Jonathan Wood

David Pratt.

Worcester. fs. January 3rd 1798 then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed before me —

Israel Turner Justice of the peace

Rec^d April 2nd 1799. and Recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Joseph Fox^s Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treasurer for said Town, In consideration of Twenty five dollars & Eighty four Cents lawfull money paid by Joseph Fox of Fitchburg in the County & commonwealth aforesaid Esq^r The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Joseph Fox by virtue of Authority vested in me by vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of March 1795, A certain Pew in the New meeting house N^o 1. in the Gallery agreeable to the plan of the Pews as they are now built.

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Joseph Fox his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Joseph Fox his heirs and Assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Joseph Fox, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Joseph Fox his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned have here unto set my hand and Seal this twenty second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & ninety nine

Eben^r Thurston Treasurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and deli^d

in prefence of

Sally Cook

Lydia T. Allen

Worcester fs. Sep^r 4th 1799 The above named Ebn^r Thurston personally acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Israel Turner Justis of the Peace

Recorded y^e 16th Oct^r 1799 by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[29] Seth Phillips Deed

Know all men by these presents that I Ebn^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town —

In confideration of Sixty four dollars & thirty three Cents lawfull money paid by Seth Phillips of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Gentleman

The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Seth Phillips by virtue of Authority Vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 A Certain Pew in the New Meeting house house in said Fitchburg N^o 5 on the lower floor agreeable to the Plan of s^d Pews as they are now built To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Seth his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Seth his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good right to sell & convey the same to the said Seth, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Seth his heirs and Assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons, In witnes whereof, I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the above mentioned authority have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this Twenty forth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven. Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, and delivered
in prefence of us.

Peter Snow

Tho^s Gibson

Worcester. fs: April 6th 1797 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared & acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free Act & Deed before me

Israel Turner Justice of the Peace

Rec^d March 10th 1800 & recorded

Joseph Fox Town Clerk —

Seth Phillips Deed

Know all men by these prefents that I Solomon Day of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusets Sadler, in confideration of thirteen dollars & Eighty Seven Cents paid by Seth Phillips of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth afore said Gentleman — The recep^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Seth Phillips half a certain Pew in the New meeting house in Fitchburg N^o 46 on the lower floor, To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Seth his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Seth his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Seth, and I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Seth his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witness whereof I the said Solomon Day have here unto Set my hand and Seal this Second day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety nine

Solomon Day (Seal)

Signd, Seald & delivered

in prefence of us

Samuel Derby

Jonas Marthall

Worcester. fs; March 3^d 1800 then the above named Solomon Day Personally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement by him Subscribed to be his free act & Deed — before Israel Turner Justice of the Peace

Rec^d March 10th 1800 & recored by

Joseph Town Clerk.

[30] Eben^r Thurston Treafurer^s Deed to Nehemiah Fuller

Know all men by these presents That I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Maffachusetts Yeoman In consideration of Forty two Dollars lawfull money paid by Nehemiah Fuller of Fitchburg afore said, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Nehemiah Fuller, by Virtue of Authority Vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting houfe in said Fitchburg N^o 40 on the lower floor. To have and to hold the afore-granted premifes to the said Nehemiah his heirs and Affigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Nehemiah his heirs and Affigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premifes: That they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Nehemiah, And that I will warrant and defend the same premifes to the said Nehemiah his heirs and affigns, forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons, In witnefs whereof, I the said Eben^r Thurston by Virtue of Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and Seal this first day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ninety Eight.

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, and delivered,

in prefence of us,

Sally Purkins

Lydia T. Allen

Worcester fs March 17th 1800 Then the above named Eben^r Thurston Personally appeared & acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free Act and Deed — before me
Israel Turner Justice of the Peace

Rec^d March 17th 1800 And recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer^s Deed to Verin Daniels

Know all men by these presents that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town In consideration of forty One dollars & fifty Cents lawfull money paid by Verin Daniels of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman —

The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Verin Daniels by virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 a certain Pew in the meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 30 on the lower floor, agreeable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built, To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Verin his heirs and Assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Verin his heirs and Assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Verin, And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Verin his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ninety Seven,

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed & delivered

in prence of us

Peter Snow

Tho^s Gibson.

Worcester. Is April 3rd 1797 then the above named Ebn^r Thurston Town Treafurer acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed before me

Israel Turner Justice of the Peace

[31] Eben^r Thurston Treafurers Deed to Solomon Day

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Common-

wealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, & Treafurer for said Town, In confideration of Thirty dollars & fifty Cents lawfull money paid by Solomon Day of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Sadler The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Solomon Day by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 A Certain Pew in the New Meeting houle in said Fitchburg N^o 46 on the lower floor agreable to the Plan of the Pews as they are now built,

To have and to hold the afore granted premifes to the said Solomon his heirs and affigns to his and their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the Said Solomon his heirs and Affigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premifes that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good right to Sell and convey the Same to the said Solomon, And that I will warrant and defend the Same premifes to the said Solomon his heirs and Affigns, forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all Persons, In witnefs whereof I the said Ebenezer Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninety Seven,

Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, Sealed, and delivered

in prefence of us,

Peter Snow

John Putnam Jun^r

Worcester. fs. April 7th 1800 Then the above named Ebenezer Thurston perfonally appeared and acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free Act and Deed—before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d y^e 14th April 1800 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Solomon Day^s Deed to Jonas Marshall

Know all men by these presents that I Solomon Day of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Common-

wealth of Massachusetts Sadler, In consideration of fifteen dollars paid by Jonas Marshall of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid Phys—an the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Jonas Marshall to him and his heirs and assigns forever One half of a certain Pew in the meeting house in said Fitchburg Number forty Six on the lower floor agreeable to the plan of the Pews as they are now built

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Jonas Marshall his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Jonas his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances: that I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said Jonas, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises; to the said Jonas his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witness whereof, I the said Solomon Day have hereunto set my hand and Seal March twenty first in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred

Solomon Day (Seal)

Signd Sealed & delivered

in preface of us

Amos Putnam

John Carter Junr

Worcester: Is: April 7th 1800 Then the above named Solomon Day personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed

Before me Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Recd 17th May 1800 and recored by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[32] Ebenr Thurston Treafurer Deed to Kendal Bou-tell Junr

Know all men by these presents that I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town, in consideration of Twenty Dollars and fifty Cents

lawfull money paid by Kendal Boutell Jun^r of Fitchburg afore said Yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Kendal Boutell Jun^r by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Assembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 10 in the Gallery—

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Kendoll his heirs and assigns, to his and their Use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Kendoll his heirs and Assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Kindoll, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Kindall his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witnefs whereof, I the said Ebn^r Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned have here unto set my hand and Seal this first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety eight . . . Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)
Signd, sealed, and delivered

in prefence of us

Edw^d Durant

John R. Kemp

Worcester. fs April y^e 7th 1800 then the above named Eben^r Thurston personally appeared & acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed before me

Israel Turner Justice of the peace

Rec^d May 8th 1801 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Paul Wetherbee Treafurer's Deed to Thomas French

Know all men by these Presents that I Paul Wetherbee of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treafurer for said Town, in Consideration of Forty Seven dollars lawfull money paid by Thomas French of Fitchburg afore said

Blacksmith the Recept whereof I do hereby acknowledge, Do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Thomas French by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the inhabitants, assembled on the tenth Day of March AD. 1795, A certain pue in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 35 on the lower floor,

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever; and I do covenant with the said Thomas his heirs & assigns that I am Lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good Right to sell and convey the same to the said Thomas and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Thomas his heirs & assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons in witness whereof I the said Paul Wetherbee by virtue of the authority above mentioned have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this twentyeth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & two

Paul Wetherbee Treasurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and delivered

in prefence of us —

Robert Hawes

James Wares

Worcester. fs. February 5th 1802 Then the above named Paul Wetherbee personally appeared and acknowledged the above Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free act and Deed before

Israel Turner Justice of the peace

Rec^d the 22nd Febr^y 1802 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[33] Polly Hodgskin Deed to David Boutell

Know all men by these presents that I Polly Hodgskin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Maffachusetts Administratrix on the Estate of David Hodgskin late of Fitchburg decs^d and by virtue of

an order of Court of Common pleas in said County on munday next preceeding the fourth tuesday of March AD 1801, for and in confideration of the sum of Forty dollars paid by David Boutell of Fitchburg afore said Gentleman, the recpt^r whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said David Boutell by virtue of the authority vested in me, A certain Pew in the New meeting house in Said Fitchburg N^o 14 on the lower Floor agreeable to the plan of said Pews as they are built,

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said David Boutell his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever, and I the said Polly Hodgskin, as Administratrix to the said David Hodgskin, and by order of said Court of Common pleas, do covenant to and with the said David Boutell his heirs and assigns that before the Ensealing hereof that I have in myself good right full power & lawfull authority to sell and convey said Pew in manner as afore said and that he the said David Boutell his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time, and at all times hereafter by force and virtue of these presents peaceably and quietly Occupy possesse and enjoy the afore mentioned Pew, and that I will warrant and defend the said Pew to the said David Boutell his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof I the said Polly Hodgskin, as Administratrix and the power I am invested with have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this eighth day of may in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and One Polly Hodgkin Adm^s (Seal)

Signd Seald & delivered

in prefence of Us —

Nelly Brown

Joseph Fox

Worcester, fs. May 11th 1801 then the above named Polly Hodgskins perfonally appeared & acknowledged the above Instrment by her Subscribed to be her free act & deed before — Israel Turner Justice of the peace

Rec^d Sep^t 7th 1801 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[34] Paul Wetherbee Treafurer Deed to Joseph Fox

Know all men by these presents that I Paul Wetherbee of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman and Treafurer for said Town, in confideration of One hundred & five dollars & Seventeen Cents lawfull money paid by Joseph Fox or Fitchburg afore said Esq^r The rec^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant Sell and convey unto the said Joseph Fox by virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town, at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants affembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795, Three certain Pews in the New meeting houfe in said Fitchburg (viz) N^o 1 on the lower Flour N^o 11 & N^o 24 on the uper flour

To have and to hold the afore-granted premifes to the said Joseph Fox his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Joseph his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premifes that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the Same to the said Joseph, And that I will warrant and defend the same premifes to the said Joseph his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said Paul Wetherbee by virtue of the authority above mentioned have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this fourteenth day of January In the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & two.

Paul Wetherbee Treafurer (Seal)

Signd, sealed & delivered

in prefence of us . .

Seeloma Wetherbee

Peter Snow.

Worcester: fs: March y^e 11th 1802 Then the above named Paul Wetherbee personally acknowledged the above Instrment by him Subscribed to be his free act and Deed before me . . . Israel Turner Justis of the peace

Rec^d March 14th 1802 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Ebne^r Thurston Treafurer Deed to Eliha Chamberlin.

Know all men by these presents, That I Ebnezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts Yeoman & Treafurer for said Town in consideration of Forty Dollars & fifty cents lawfull money paid by Eliha Chamberlin of Fitchburg in the County and Commonwealth afore said Yeoman.

The recp^t whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the said Eliha Chamberlin by virtue of Authority vested in me by a Vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants afsembled on the Tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 36 on the lower floor agreeable to the of the Pews as they are Now built,

To have and to hold the afore granted premifes to the said Eliha his heirs and afsigns to his & their Use and Behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Eliha his heirs and afsigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore granted premifes; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Eliha, and that I will warrant and defend the same premifes to the said Eliha his heirs & afsigns forever, against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons, In witnefs whereof I the said Ebne^r Thurston by Virtue of the Authority above mentioned, have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty fourth Day of January in the year of our Lord One thoufand Seven hundred & ninety Seven.

Ebne^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and delivered

in prefence of us —

Thomas Gibson

Peter Snow

Worcester fs June 20th 1803 then the above named Ebne^r Thurston acknowledged the above Inftrument to be his free act & Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Justice of the Peace

Rec^d June 20th 1803 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[35] Elisha Chamberlins Deed to Nathan Ordway.

Know all men by these presents That I Elisha Chamberlin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, In consideration of Thirty dollars paid me by Nathan Ordway of the same Fitchburg Cooper, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Nathan Ordway and to his heirs and assigns, A certain Pew in Fitchburg meeting house on the lower floor being N^o 36 being the same Pew that was Deeded to me by Ebn^r Thurston on the twenty fourth day of January AD. 1797 —

To have and to hold the same to the said Nathan Ordway and to his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Nathan Ordway and with his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Nathan Ordway and to his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal this twentyeth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & three.

Elisha Chamberlin (Seal)

Signd Sealed & delivered

in presence of us —

Peter Snow

Daniel Putnam.

Worcester: fs: June 20th 1803 Elisha Chamberlin above named acknowledged this instrument to be his free act and Deed before me

Daniel Putnam Jus. Pacis.

Rec^d June 20th 1803 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Ebne^r Thurstons Treasurers Deed to Ezra Ritter.

Know all men by these presents that I Ebn^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman & Treasurer for said Town, in consideration of Seventeen Dollars lawfull money

paid by Ezra Ritter of Fitchburg afore said, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Ezra Ritter by virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Assembled on the tenth day of March AD. 1795, A certain Pew in the New Meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 7 in the Gallery.

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Ezra his heirs and assigns to his & their Use and behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Ezra, his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Ezra, and that I will warrant and defend the Same premises to the said Ezra his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand & seal this first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. Eben^r Thurston Treafurer (Seal)

Signd Sealed and delivered

in presence of us

Sam^l Worcester

Eliphelet Perley

Worcester, fs. Nov^r y^e 18th 1799 then the above named Ebne^r Thurston personally acknowledged the above Infrement to be his free act and Deed — before me.

Israel Turner Justice of the peace.

Rec^d y^e 17th August 1803 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[36] Paul Wetherbee^s Treafurer^s Deed to Phinehas Allen

Know all men by these presents, that I Paul Wetherbee of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treafurer for said Town, in consideration of Twenty dollars & fifty Cents paid by Phinehas Allen of Fitchburg afore said Yeoman,

The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby, give, grant, sell & convey unto the said Phinehas Allen, by Virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of March AD. 1795, A certain pew in the new meeting house in said Fitchburg N^o 5 in the gallery.

To have and hold the afore said premises to the said Phinehas his heirs and assigns to his and their behoof forever, And I do covenant with the said Phinehas his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Phinehas, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Phinehas, his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons in witness whereof I the said Paul Wetherbee by virtue of the authority above mentioned, have here unto set my hand & seal this twenty fourth day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred & three

Paul Wetherbee (Seal)

In presence of us

John Goodridge

Joseph Fox

Worcester. ss. Fitchburg Oct^r 24th 1803 Then the above named Paul Wetherbee personally appeared and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free Act and Deed.

Before me Joseph Fox Justice of the peace

Rec^d 24th Oct^r 1803 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Daniel. M. Stearns Deed to George W. Chaplin

Know all men by these presents that I Daniel. M. Stearns of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, In consideration of Thirty dollars paid by George. W. Chaplin of Fitchburg afore said Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto

the said George. W. Chaplin and his heirs and assigns, a certain Pew in the New meeting house in said Fitchburg afore said, Number forty Seven on the Lower floor.

To have and to hold the same to the said George his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said George W. Chaplin his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Daniel. M. Stearns have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and four

Daniel. M. Stearns (Seal)

Mary Stearns — (Seal)

Signd Sealed & delivered
in prefence of

Israel Turner

Abigail Turner

Worcester, fs. Oct: y^e 4th 1804 then Daniel. M. Stearns the above named acknowledged this Infrement to be his free act & Deed.

Before me Israel Turner Justis of the peace

Rec^d 23^d September 1805 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[37] Jon^a & Asa Woods Deed, to Selvinus Lapham

Know all men by these present, that We Jonathan Wood of Westmoreland in the County of Cheshire and State of New-Hampshire Gentleman, and Asa Wood of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Clock maker, in consideration of Thirty five dollars lawfull money paid us by Selvinus Lapham of Fitchburg aforesaid Yeoman.—the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Selvinus Lapham, his heirs and assigns, One Pew on the lower floor in the meeting house belonging to the first parish in said Fitchburg, it being N^o 8 as they are now numbered.

To have and to hold the same to the said Selvinus

Lapham his heirs and assigns, that we are lawfully Seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that we will warrant and defend the same to the said Selvinus Lapham, his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands, and Seals this Sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & Six.

Jonathan Wood (Seal)

Asa Wood (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & delivered

in presence of —

George Wood

Elijah M^c Intire

Daniel Newhal.

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg April 17th 1806 personally appeared Jonathan Wood & Asa Wood the above named, acknowledged this Instrument to be their free Act and Deed; before me

Joseph Fox Juf. Pacis.

Rec^d 17th April 1806 and recorded by,

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Know all men by these presents that I, George. W. Chaplin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Sadler, In consideration of Twenty eight dollars paid me by George. S. Putnam, David M^c Intire both of Fitchburg afore said Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell, and convey unto the said George. S. Putnam an David M^c Intire their heirs and assigns, a certain Pew in the meeting house in said Fitchburg Number forty Seven on the lower floor.

To have and to hold the same to the said George and David their heirs and assigns to them and their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said George and David their heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said George and David, their heirs and assigns for-

ever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty second day of May Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and six.

George. W. Chaplin (Seal)

Lydia Chaplin (Seal)

Sign'd Sealed and delivered

in presence of us —

Peter Snow

Sally Farwell

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg August 13th 1806 Then Geore. W. Chaplin the above named, acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act and Deed

Before me — Joseph Fox Justice of the peace.

Recd on the 13th August 1806 and recored by —

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[38] Eben^r Thursto,s Deed to Oliver Fox

Know all Men by these Presents, that I Ebn^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Maffachusetts yeoman & Treasurer for the Calvinistic, Congregational Society in s^d town In consideration of thirty four dollars paid me by Oliver Fox of said Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth aforesaid Gentleman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Oliver Fox his heirs and assigns, By virtue of Authority vested in me by a vote of said Society, at a legal meeting of said Society afsembled on the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & Seven, A certain Pew in said Societies New meeting house N^o 22 on the lower floor Agreeable to the plan of the Pews as they are now built. To have and to hold the same to the said Oliver Fox his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever. And I do Covenant with the said Oliver Fox his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to to the said Oliver Fox his heirs and assigns forever, against

the lawfull claims & demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of the Authority above mentioned, have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this twenty second day of January in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand eight hundred & Seven.

Eben^r Thurston Committee (Seal)

Signed, sealed & delivered

in presence of—

Eph^m Kimball

John Thurston Jun^r

Worcester. fs. January 28th 1807 Eben^r Thurston above named acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act and deed; Before — Daniel Putnam Jus. Pacis.

Rec^d 17th March 1807 and recored.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Aaron Houghtons Deed to Blany Phillips

Know all men by these presents, That I Aaron Houghton of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Carpenter — in Consideration of Thirteen Dollars & fifty cents paid me by Blany Phillips of Fitchburg in the County & Commonwealth aforesaid Yeoman — the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby Give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Blany Phillips, his heirs and assigns one half of a certain Pew in said towns Meeting house agreeable to the plan of the pews as it is now built — Said Pew is known by the number of twenty two on the lower floor — To have and to hold the same to the said Blany Phillips his Heirs and Assigns to his and their use & behoof forever — And I do covenant with the said Blany Phillips his Heirs & assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Blany Phillips his heirs and assigns forever, against the Lawfull claims and demands of all persons — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of April in the year of our Lord 1809

Aaron Houghton (L. S)

in presence of
Israel Turner
Sylvester T. Flint

Worcester fs April 3^d 1809 then Aaron Houghton
the above named acknowledged this instrument to be his
free act and Deed; before me Israel Turner Jus. Pacis

Rec^d April 3^d 1809 & recorded by
Oliver Fox town Clerk

[39] Ruben Eaton to Benj^a Kemp

Know all men by these presents that I Ruben Eaton
of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth
of Massachusetts Brick Layer — In consideration of twenty
Eight Dollars paid me by Benjamin Kemp of Fitchburg
in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid. Yeoman The
receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge; do hereby give,
grant, sell and convey unto the said Benjamin Kemp his
heirs and assigns a certain Pew in the Calvinistic Con-
gregational Societys meeting house in said town Num-
bered twenty Seven on the lower floor, agreeable to the
plan of Pews as they are now built. To have and to
hold the same to the said Benjamin his heirs and assigns
to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do cove-
nant with the said Benjamin his heirs and assigns that
I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are
free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and
defend the same to the said Benjamin his heirs and assigns
forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all Per-
sons in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this twenty eighth day of May, in the year of our
Lord Eighteen hundred and Eight Ruben Eaton (L S)

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in presence of us
Oliver Fox
Blany Sampson

Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 3: 1809 Then Per-
sonally appeared the above named Ruben Eaton and ac-

knowledgeed the foregoing instrument by him subscribed
to be his free act and Deed

before me Joseph Fox Justice of the Peace.

Recd April 3^d 1809 and recorded by

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Geo. W. Chaplin to Oliver Fox

Know all men by these presents that I George W Chaplin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts saddler, In consideration of ten Dollars, paid by Oliver Fox of the same Fitchburg Gentleman The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant sell and convey unto the said Oliver, his heirs and assigns, A certain pew in the towns Meeting-house in said Fitchburg Numbered forty Seven on the lower floor. To have and to hold the same to the said Oliver his heirs, and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises that they are free of all incumbrances, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Oliver his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I the said George W Chaplin have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of October in the year of our Lord 1811

George W. Chaplin (L S)

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

Joseph Cowdin

David Whitmore

Worcester fs. October 31. 1811 Personally appeared the above named Geo W. Chaplin and acknowledged the above written instrument by him subscribed, to be his free act and Deed.

Before me William Cunningham J Jus. Pac.

Recd Oct^r 31. 1811 and recorded by

Oliver Fox town Clerk

[40] Deed Joseph Simonds to Joshua Peirce

Know all men by these presents, that I Joseph Simonds

of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, & Treasurer for said town, In consideration of the sum of thirty Dollars paid me by Joshua Pierce of Fitchburg aforesaid yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Joshua Pierce by the authority vested in me by a vote of said town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795 A certain pew in said towns Meeting house N^o 34 on the lower floor. To have and to hold the aforesaid granted premises to the said Joshua Pierce his heirs & Assigns forever and I do covenant with the said Joshua Pierce his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to Sell and convey the same to the said Joshua and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Joshua his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims & demands of all persons.

In witness whereof I the said Joseph Simonds by virtue of the authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and seal this Second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & twelve

Joseph Simonds Treas^r (L. S.)

Signd Sealed & Delivered

in presence of us

Jacob Gibson

Elijah Carter Jr

Worcester Is Sep^r 2, 1812 Then the above named Joseph Simonds acknowledged the above instrument to be his act & deed

Before me Edward Durant Justice of the Peace

Deed Eben^r Thurston to Sam^l Kimball & Sam^l Putnam

Know all men by these presents, that I Eben^r Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman, and Treasurer of the Calvinistic congregational Society in said Town, in con-

sideration of Thirty Dollars paid me by Samuel Kimball and Samuel Putnam both said Fitchburg in the County and commonwealth aforesaid Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant sell and convey unto the said Kimball & Putnam their heirs and assigns By Virtue of authority vested in me by a vote of said Society at a legal meeting of said society assembled on the fifteenth day of January AD 1807 a certain pew in said Societys Meeting in said town No 3 in the Gallery agreeable to the plan of the pews as they are built — To have and to hold the same to the said Kimball & Putnam their heirs and assigns to them and their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant With the said Kimball and Putnam their heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Kimball & Putnam their heirs and assigns forever, against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second Day of Jan^y AD 1807 Eben^r Thurston Committee (L S)

Signd Sealed & Dell^d in presence of us

Eph^m Kimball

John Thurston Jur^r

Worcester fs. Jan^y 28, 1807 Eben^r Thurston above named acknowledged this instrument to be his free act and Deed before me Daniel Putnam Jus. Pacis

Recd June 4. 1813 and recorded by

Oliver Fox town Clerk

[41] Samuel Putnam to William Fitch Deed of Pew.

Know all men by these presents that I Samuel Putnam of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentleman in consideration of Thirty Dollars paid William Fitch of Serling in said County Gentleman, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give, grant, Sell, and convey unto the said William Fitch, his heirs and assigns a certain Pew

in the Meeting house of the Calvinistic Congregational Society in the said Town of Fitchburg, being Pew No 3. in the Gallery agreeably to the plan of the Pews as they are now built and the same deeded by Eben^r Thurston to Samuel Kimball and Samuel Putnam to have and to hold the aforegranted Premises to the said William Fitch his heirs and assigns to his and their Use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said W^m Fitch his heirs and assigns That I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted premises. That they are free of all incumbrances, That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said W^m Fitch, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said W^m Fitch his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims & Demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Sam^l Putnam have hereunto set my hand and seal this Sixth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirteen
Samuel Putnam (L S.)

Signed Sealed and Delivered

in presence of us

Isaiah Putnam

Burt Fitch

Worcester fs. July 6, 1813 Then the above named Sam^l Putnam acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed — before me

Edward Durant Just. of Peace

Recd Aug^t 11, 1813 & recorded by

Oliver Fox town Clerk.

[42] Deed William Brown to Benj^a Flint No 18

Know all men by these presents That I William Brown of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gent^l. In consideration of Thirty five Dollars paid by Benjamin Flint of said Fitchburg Yeoman, The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do give grant sell and convey unto the said Benj^a Flint his heirs & assigns a certain in the old Meeting house in said Fitchburg No 18 on the lower floor To have and to hold the same to the said Benjamin Flint his heirs and assigns

to his and their behoof forever — And I do covenant with the said Benjamin his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances & that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Benjamin his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said William Brown have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eighteenth day of May AD 1811

William Brown (L S)

Signed Sealed and Delivered

in presence of us.

Alex^r Dustin

William L Foster.

Worcester fs May 18, 1811 William Brown above named, acknowledged this Instrument to be his Deed; before me

Alex^r Dustin Jus. Pacis.

Reed Sep^r 19, 1813 & recorded by

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Blany Phillips to Tho^s Eaton

Know all men by these presents that I Blany Phillips of Fitchburg in consideration of Fifteen Dollars paid me by Thomas Eaton of the said Fitchburg, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Thomas Eaton his heirs and assigns the one undivided half of a pew in the towns Meeting-house on the lower floor, the said pew is No. twenty two & the same I bot of Aaron Houghton. To have and to hold the same to the said Tho^s Eaton his heirs & assigns to his & their use & behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Tho^s Eaton his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Tho^s Eaton to his heirs & assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Eleventh day of January in the year of our lord Eighteen hundred & fourteen

Blany Phillips (L S)

Signd Sealed in presence of us

Jonas Marshall Jr

Sally Cowdin

Worcester ss Jan^y 12, 1814 Then Blany Phillips above
named acknowledged this instrument to be his free act and
Deed before me Edward Durant Jus Pacis.

Reed Jan^y 14, 1814 & recded by

Oliver Fox town Clerk

[43] Deed of $\frac{2}{3}$ of Pew Ruben Eaton to Oliver Fox
in new Meeting house

Know all men by these presents that I Ruben Eaton
of Fitzwilliam in the County of Cheshire and State of
Newhampshire Bricklayer, administrator on the estate of
Thomas Eaton late of Fitchburg in the County of Wor-
cester & Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts Yeoman de-
ceased intestate, having been duly impowered by a licence
from the Circuit Court of common pleas for said County
of Worcester to sell & pass Deeds to convey so much of
the real estate of said Thomas Eaton deceased as would
raise the sum of two thousand one hundred & Seventeen
Dollars & fifty three cents for the payment of the debts
of said deceased and incidental charges, did on the Elev-
enth day of January instant sell att Public vendue the fol-
lowing described real estate to Oliver Fox of said Fitch-
burg for the sum of Nine Dollars and Seventy five cents,
he being the highest bidder there for the said real estate
being of the following description viz, two thirds of Pew
No 8 on the lower floor of the Meeting house of the Cal-
vinistic Congregational Society in Fitchburg according to
the plan thereof.

Therefore know ye that I the said Ruben Eaton ad-
ministrator as aforesaid, in consideration of the said sum
of Nine Dollars & seventy five cents to me paid by the
said Oliver Fox, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowl-
edge, do hereby give, grant, Sell, and convey unto him
the said Oliver Fox his heirs & assigns the real estate
above described;

To have and to hold the same estate above described

to the said Oliver Fox his heirs & assigns forever. And I the said administrator do hereby covenant with the Said Oliver Fox his heirs & assigns, that I have been lawfully authorized to make sale of the said real estate and that In all things relating to the Sale thereof my proceeding have been according to law, And that I will warrant and defend the said real estate to the said Oliver Fox his heirs & assigns, so far as that my proceedings as administrator as aforesaid have in all respects been correct & lawful. In witness whereof I the s'd Ruben Eaton have hereinto set my hand & Seal this eleventh day January AD 1814

Ruben Eaton (L S)

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of us

John Shepley — Joseph Fox

Worcester fs. Jan^y 12, 1814 Then the above named Ruben Eaton personally appeared and acknowledged the above instrument by him subscribed to be his free act and deed Before me

Joseph Fox Justice of Peace

Reed January 12, 1814 & recored by

Oliver Fox town Clerk

[44] Deed Chaplin to Stickney

Know all men by these presents, That I George W Chaplin of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Saddler, in Consideration of twenty Dollars paid by Joshua Stickney of said Fitchburg Yeoman, The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant sell & convey unto the said Joshua Stickney his heirs and assigns one undivided half of a certain pew in the Towns Meeting house in said Fitchburg, being pew Number forty seven on the lower floor of said Meeting house, according to the plan & numbering of the same. To have and to hold the aforegranted premises to the said Joshua Stickney his heirs and assigns to his & their use and Behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Joshua Stickney his heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted premises; that they are free of all Incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joshua Stickney,

his heirs & assigns, And that I will warrant & defend the same Premises to the said Joshua Stickney his heirs & assigns forever, against the lawful Claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said George W. Chaplin and also Lydia Chaplin wife of said Geo. W. Chaplin hereby releasing her right of thirds and dower in said premises, have here unto Set our hands & Seals this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & fourteen

George W Chaplin (L S)

Lydia Chaplin (L S)

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of us.

Pliney Whitney

Olive U Brown.

Worcester fs Febr^y 9, 1814 Then the above named George W Chaplin acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act & deed before me

Edward Durant Just^s Pacis

Reed Febr^y 18, 1814 & recorded by

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[45] Joseph Upton to Isaac Stone (Administrator)
Deed of Pew in the Calvinistic Meeting house

Know all men by these presents, that whereas, I, Joseph Upton of Fitchburg in the County of worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yeoman, Administrator on the Estate of John Upton of Said Fitchburg Gentleman, Deceased, intestate, by an order of the Circuit Court of comon Pleas begun and holden at worcester within & for Said County, on the monday next preceeding the Second Tuesday of June now last past, was licensed & empowered to Sell & convey the real Estate of the Deceased; and where as, I, the Said Administrator, haveing given thirty days public notice of the intended Sale by posting up notifications thereof in Said Fitchburg, the Town where said real Estate lies, and in Leominster & Lunenburg, two adjoining Towns, and also in worcester, the shier Town of said County, and haveing first given

bonds, and taken the oath by law in Such cases required, did on the twenty first day of September now last past pursuant to the license and notice afore Said, Sell at public vendue the real Estate of Said Deceased, being a pew N^o 42 in the meeting house of the Calvinistic, Congregational Society, in Said Fitchburg — exscepting the right of dower, which Abigall Upton, widow of Said Deceased, has therein; to Isaac Stone of the Same Fitchburg, Cabinit maker, for the Sum of Sixteen dollars & twenty five Cents, he being the highest bider therefor; therefore know ye, that, I, the Said Joseph Upton, Aministrator as afore said, by virtue of the power & authority in me vested as aforesaid, an in consideration of the said Sum of Sixteen dollars & twenty five Cents to me paid by the Said Isaac Stone, the receipt wherof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, Sell, & Convey, the Said pew, Exscepting Said right of dower, to the Said Isaac Stone, his heirs & afsigns; to have & to hold the Same with all the priveleges thereunto, belonging to him, the Said Isaac Stone, his heirs, & afsigns forever, and to his & there use & behoof forever, & I, Joseph Upton Administrator, as afore said, do hereby covenant with the said Isaac Stone, his heirs, & afsigns, that I was lawfully authorized and impowered, to make Sale of the Same for the purpose of paying the debts of Said Deceased, that, I, gave thirty days public notice of the intended Sale as afore said, that I gave bonds and took the oath by law required previous to Said Sale, that the said Estate was struck off at the sum aforesaid, & that in all things relating to said Sale, I have done according to Law

In witnefs whereof, I, the Said Joseph Upton, Administrator as, aforesaid, have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this twentyeth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & twelve, Signed, Seald, and delivd in presance of us,

John Sheply

Jon^a Flint, Jr

Joseph Upton. (L S)

Administrator

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[46] Worcester fs. Jany. 4th AD 1813.

Then the within named Joseph Upton personally appeared & acknowledged the above Instrument by him Subscribed to be his free Act & Deed —

be fore me Joseph Fox — Justice Peace
Recev^d March 14, 1814. and recorded March 23^d 1814.
Jon^a Haskell, Town. Clerk

Deed, Isaac Stone to Oliver Fox

Know all men by these presents, that I. Isaac Stone of Fitchburg, in the County of worcester & Comon wealth of Mafsachusetts Cabenitt maker, in consideration of ten dollars paid me by Oliver Fox of Fitchburg, aforesaid Gentleman, the receipt whereof I, do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell & convey unto the said Oliver Fox, his heirs & afsigns, a certain Pew in the meeting house lately owned by the Calvinistic, Congragational Society in said Fitchburg, the said Pew is N^o 42, and is the same Pew, Joseph Upton, Adm^r on the Estate of John Upton, Deceased, Deeded to Said Isaac Stone, reserving all the right of Dower the Said John Uptons widow, has in Said Pew, to have & to hold the same to the Said Oliver Fox his heirs & afsigns, to his & their use & behoof, forever, and I do covenant with the said Oliver Fox, his heirs & afsigns, that I, am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumberances & that I will worrent & defend the Same to the said Oliver Fox, his heirs & afsigns, forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons, in witnefs wherecoff I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this nineteenth day of March AD 1814.

Isaac Stone. (L S)

Jon^a Flint Jr
Sam^l Houghton

Worcester fs. March 19 1814 Then the within named Isaac Stone personally appeared & acknowledged the within Instrument to be his free act & Deed

Calvin Willard, Justice Peace

Recvd, March 19 1814 & Recorded by me
March 23, 1814 Jon^a Haskell Town Clerk.

[47] Deed Doct. William Payson, to Josiah Wilder

Know all Men by these presents, that I, William Payson of Foxborough, in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Physisian, in consideration of thirty five dollars paid by Josiah Wilder of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Clothier, the receipt whereof, I, do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell, & Convey unto the said Josiah Wilder a Certain Pew in the public meeting house in Said Fitchburg, being a wall pew Situated on the floor, and numbered twenty three; To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Josiah Wilder His heirs & afsigns, to his and their use & behoof forever, and I do Covenant, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the afore granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to Sell & Convey the Same to the said Josiah Wilder; And that, I will worrent and defend the same premises to the said Josiah Wilder his Heirs, and Afsigns, forever, against the lawfull claims & demands of all persons. In whitnefs whereof I the said William Payson, have hereunto sett my hand & Seal this second day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & fourteen — Also, Abigail my wife, in Token of her quitting, her right of dower.

William Payson (L S)

Signd, Sealed, and deliverd
in presanee of us —

Abigail Payson (L S)

Samuel Titus —
Leonard Smith

Norfolk, fs, February 2^d 1814 then Doct. William Payson personaly appeared and owned the above to be his free act & deed before me

Eben^r Warren Justice Peice

Recev^d & Recorded May 25, 1814.

Jonathan Haskell, Town Clerk

Deed Thomas. French to Leonard Burbank — Pews

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas. French of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester & comon wealth

of Massachusetts Yeoman, in Consideration of fifty dollars paid me by Leonard Burbank of Said Fitchburg, Gentleman. the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell, & convey unto the Said Leonard Burbank his heirs & assigns a Pew in the Towns meeting house in Said Fitchburg, being N^o 35, on the lower floor; —Also Pew N^o 18 in the Galery of the Same Meeting house. to have & to hold the Same to the said Leonard Burbank his heirs & assigns to his & there use & behoof forever, and I do Covenant with the Said Leonard Burbank, his heirs & assigns, that I am lawfully Seized in fee of the premises, that they are free from all incumberances, and that I will warrent and defend the same to the said Leonard Burbank his heirs and assigns forever, against all lawfull Claims & demands of all persons.

Turn over —

[48] Brought forward —

In Witnefs wherof I the said thomas French have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal this first day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred & thirteen. Signed Seal^d & delivered in presance of us —

John Shepley

Thomas French. (L S)

Jos. Cowdin —

Worcester fs. then personaly appeared the above named & acknowledge this Instrument to be his free act & deed before me

William Cunningham Jr Jus Ps.

Rec^d & Recorded June 8. 1814

Jonathan Haskell, Town Cler —

Leonard Burbank Deed to Levi Farwell — Pew

Know all men by these presants that I Leonard Burbank of Fitchburg in the County of worcester & common wealth of Mafsachusetts Gentleman, in Consideration of Fifty dollars paid me by Levi Farwell of the aforesaid Fitchburg, Yeoman the receipt whereof, I, do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell & convey unto the said Levi Farwell his heirs and assigns, a Pew in the Towns meeting house, in Said Fitchburg being Pew N^o 35, on the lower floor to have & to hold the same, with

all the privelages and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Levi Farwell his Heirs & afsigns to him & there use & behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Levi Farwell his Heirs and afsigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free from all incumberances, and that I will worrent and defend the same to the said Levi Farwell his heirs and afsigns forever against the lawfull Claims and demands of all persons, In witnefs whereof I the said Leonard Burbank & Eunice, Eliza his wife have hereunto set our hands & Seals this thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen

Leonard Burbank (L S)

Eunice. E. Burbank (L S)

Signed Sealed & delivered

in presance of us —

Daniel Mayo,

Saml Putnam

Worcester. fs. April 30, 1814 the above named Leonard Burbank acknowledged this Deed to be his free act & before me William Cunningham Jr Jus. Pes

Recorded June 8 1814

Jonathan Haskell, Town Cler

[49] Benjamin Flint Deed To John Shepley — Pew

Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin Flint of Fitchburg in the County of worcester & Common wealth of Mafsachusetts Yeoman, in consideration of Seventy dollars paid me by John Sheply of said Fitchburg Gentleman, the receipt where of I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, Sell, and quit Claim unto the Said John Shepley his heirs & afsigns, all my right, title claim and demand, in and unto a Certain Pew on the lower floor of the Towns meeting house in Said Fitchburg, being Pew N^o Eighteen on that floor, and the first on the northerly side of the Pulpit.

To have & to hold the same to the Said John Shepley, his heirs and afsigns to his & there use & behoof for ever. and I do covenant to warent and defend the Said granted

& quit claimed premises, to the Said John Sheply his heirs and afsigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming by, or under me. In witness whereof the Said Benjamin Flint has hereunto set his hand & Seal this, twenty fifth day of august in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & fourteen.

Benjamin Flint (L S)

Signed, Seal^d and delivered
in presence of us.

Nahum Harrington

Leonard Burbank.

Worcester fs. August 25, 1814 Benjamin Flint above named, acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act & Deed; before me Nahum Harrington Jus. Pa

Received & Recorded August 29, 1814

Jon^a Haskell Town. Cler

[50] Eben^r Thurston Treasurer, Deed to Jonas Marshall Jur.

Know all men by these presants That I Ebenezer Thurston of Fitchburg in the County of worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts. Yeoman and Treasurer for said Town, in consideration of Seventy three dollars lawful money paid by Jonas Marshall Ju^r aforesaid the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and convey unto the Said Jonas Marshall Ju^r By virtue of aurthority vested in me by a vote of said Town at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants Afsembled on the tenth day of March AD 1795.—Two certain Pews in the new Meeting house in said Fitchburg, viz. N^o 19, on the lower floor, and N^o 27, in the Gallery. To have and to hold the afore granted Premises to the Said Jonas his heirs & afsigns, to his & their use and behoof forever. And I covenant with the said Jonas his heirs and afsigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted Premises; that they are free from all Incumberances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Jonas And that I will Worent and defend the same Premises to

the said Jonas his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof, I the Said Eben^r Thurston by virtue of Authority above mentioned have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety Eight.

Eben^r Thurston. (L S)

Signed, Sealed, and delierd

in presance of us —

Israel Turner

William Small

Worcester fs. Sept. 7. 1799 then the above named Eben^r Thurston acknowledged the above Instrument to his free Act & Deed

Before me . . . Israel Turner Jus^e of the Peace

Received and recorded April 25, 1815.

Jon^a Haskell Town Cler.

[51] Worcester, fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County . . . Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachu-
(Seal) setts you are hereby required to notify and
(Seal) warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
(Seal) said Town Quallified by law to vote in Town
meeting to meet and assemble at the old meeting house in
said Town on munday the Sixth day of March next at
nine OClock in the morning and when mett to act on the
following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To chufe a Town Clerk, Selectmen and other Town
officers as the Law directs, and likewise act any thing in
regard to chusing Collectors as they shall think proper.

3^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town
will raife to repair the highways and bridges the present
year or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

4^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to sup-
port there poor the present year or act any thing theiron
as they shall think proper

5^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe a Saxton to take

care of the meeting house the present year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

6^{ly} To see if the Town will vote the Swine to run at large under the regulation of the Law the present year

7^{ly} To see if the Town will discontinue any roads or act anything thereon as they shall think proper

8^{ly} To see if Town will except of any Road, that shall be laid out by the Selectmen or their order and likewise Establish any road that is in dispute or act anything thereon as they shall think proper

9^{ly} To see if the Town will make any alteration in the school Districts in the north west part of the Town agreeable to a request of Samuel Gibson and others or act anything thereon as they shall think proper, and also send a committee to Establish a place for a school house and point out sum way that it shall be built

10^{ly} To see if the Town will abate any persons highway tax or act anything thereon as they shall think proper

11^{ly} To see what allowance the Town will make to Mr John Putnum Jur^r respecting the clabboarding of the New meeting house or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

12^{ly} To see if the Town will dispose of any more Land for Stabling or act anything thereon as they shall think proper

13^{ly} To see if the Town will discharge John Putnum Jur. from the Expence of raising the New meeting house

14^{ly} To see if the Town will make any Consideration to Mr John Putnum Jur^r if on Examination it shall appear that he was a great looser By undertaking the New meeting house or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

15^{ly} To see where the town will hold there Town meetings so long as the old meeting house is their property

16^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to Level the Common round the New Meeting house or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

17^{ly} To see if the Town will order the Treafurer to pay the moneys to the Baptists and Methodists upon such

a receipt as shall be exhibited by them or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

18th To see if the Town will chuse a committee to Settle with the Treafurer

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this Sixteenth day of February in the year 1797

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Paul Wetherbee	
Samuel Gibson	

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as their exprefs^d to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Fitchburg March 6th 1797 Joseph Polly Constable

[52] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled on Munday the 6th day of March AD. 1797

1st Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator

2nd Voted & chose — Joseph Fox . . . Town Clerk

3rd Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Jun^r }

4th Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee . } Selectmen

5th Voted & chose M^r Seth Phillips . . }

6th Voted that the Selectmen be the Assessors.
. Assessors.

7th Voted & chose M^r Ebenezer Thurston
. Treasurer.

8th Voted to let out the Collectorship as it was last year, (viz) to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound, the lowest bidder to git two bondsmen to the Acceptance of the Town

9th Voted to chuse a committee to let out the Collectorship at Vendue and make their report at the adjournment

10th Voted that the Committee consist of Ten.

11th Voted and Chose M^r Afa Perry, Joseph Fox, Daniel Putnum Esq^r, Cap^t Israel Turner Doct. Peter Snow,

Thomas Cowdin, Cap^t Benj^a Marshall, Cap^t Will^m Brown, Lieu^t Afaph Goodridge & Sam^l Gibson a committee for the above purpose.

12^{ly} Voted to have fifteen high Surveyors.

13^{ly} Voted and Chose Cap^t Jon^a Wood, M^r Elitha Chamberlin, M^r John Osborn, M^r Jacob Gibson, M^r Amos Putnum M^r Joseph Richardfon, Joseph Fox, M^r Abraham Willard M^r Zacheus Farwell, Cap^t Benj^a Marshall M^r Benj^a Sheldin M^r Thomas Gibson M^r Oliver Fullum, M^r Phinehas Hartwell & M^r Blany Phillips . Highway Surveyors

14^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Benj^a Marshall, M^r Solomon Day M^r William Crague, M^r John Brown M^r Jon^a Page Ju^r M^r Tim^o Gray & M^r David Battles . . . Hogreaves

15^{ly} Voted and Chose M^r Jacob Gibson & M^r Sam^l Phelps Firewards

16^{ly} Voted and Chose M^r William Small

. Surveyor of Lumber

17^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Joseph Richardfon & M^r Joseph Polly Fence viewers

18^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Amos Parce & Ensign Jacob Burnap Field drivers

19^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t Jonathan Wood

. Surveyor of hoops & Staves

20^{ly} Voted & chose M^r David Parce

. Sealer of Weights & Measures

21st Voted & chose Cap^t Jo^s How & M^r Ezra Ritter

. Sealers of Leather

22^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Daniel Steward

. Pound keeper

23^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Phinehas Brown & M^r Amos Putnum Tythingmen

24^{ly} Voted that the committee chosen to let out the collectorship be a committee to let out the saxton befiness the present year and make their report at the adjorment

25^{ly} Voted to raise Two hundred and Twenty five pounds to repair the highways and Bridges the Present year

26^{ly} Voted that every Man be allowed Nine Cents p^r hour for their work on the Spot, Cattle & meterials in propotion, to be propotioned at the Same rate by the

Selectmen as the Mens Labour in their directions to the Surveyors

[53] 27^{ly} Voted that the Committee chosen to let out the Collectorship, be a committee to let out the Towns poor and report at the adjournment

28^{ly} Voted that the Swine run at Large under the regulation of the Law the present year

29^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting for one hour and then to meet at Mrfs Cowdins

The Town meet according to adjornment.

30^{ly} A vote being put to see if the Town would discontinue a road nigh Mr Amos Parces South towards Leominster line, And it pafs^d in the Negative.

31^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to view a road laid out, begining between Mr Sam^l Phelps^s & Mr Jacob Jaquith^s that leads back of Pearl hill, and report at the adjournment where it was laid out.

32^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of three

33^{ly} Voted & chofe Mr Sam^l Gibson Mr John Thurston Jun^r & Cap^t Will^m Brown a committee for the above purpose

34^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to take the records & view the road that has ben laid out between Leu^t Afaph Goodridges & Mr Afa Perry^s which is said to be discontinued, and make their report at the next adjournment their mind as to the Situation of the road, and to report whether it is their mind that the road is, or should be discontinued, or to be a bridle road, or continue as the road now is.

35^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee of three for the above purpose

36^{ly} Voted & chofe Mr Paul Wetherbee, Deacon Kendol Boutell and Cap^t Israel Turner for the above purpose

37^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to here the parties which concerns the request of Mr Sam^l Gibson and others Respecting their School Deftricts and make their report at the next adjournment their opinnion of the matter.

38^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee of Three

39^{ly} Voted & chofe Cap^t Will^m Brown Mr Joseph Richardfon & Cap^t Israel Turner a committee for the above purpose.

40^{ly} Voted to abate Mr Thomas Gibsons last year highway rates

41^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to view the Clabording and settle with Mr John Putnum Jun^r respecting the deficiency in the weadth of the Clabboards put on the New meeting Houfe

42^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of three

43^{ly} Voted & chose Mr Abel Bawldin Mr Verien Daniels & Mr Daniel Harris a committee for the above purpose and make report at the next adjournment

44^{ly} Voted that their be a committee chofen to lay out more Stable ground nigh the meeting house if they can find ground on the Towns land convenient for that purpose and make their report at the next adjournment.

45^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of Three.

46^{ly} Voted & chose Mr John Thurston Jun^r Daniel Putnum Esq^t & Cap^t Tho^s Thurston a committee for the above purpose.

47^{ly} A Vote was put to see if the Town will discharge Mr John Putnum Jun^r from the expense of the hands imployed in raising the New meeting Houfe. And it pafs in the affirmative.

48^{ly} A vote was put to see if the Town will pay Mr John Putnum Jun^r his expence in Vitualing at the raising and the expence of the Jin Man &c.

And it pafs^d in the Negative.

49^{ly} It was motioned, and Seconded, to reconsider the last vote respecting the vitualing the men at the raising, and the expence of the Jin Man &c.

And it pafed in the affirmative, and agreed to pay the expence.

[54] 50^{ly} Voted that what money is now voted to free Mr John Putnum Jun^r of the expence of raising & the expence of Vitualing the raisers and the Jin Mans Expence &c to be paid out of the next Town tax to be made

51^{ly} It was motioned and Seconded to know the minds of the Town whether they would hold their Town meetings in the old meeting Houfe untill further order of the Town, And it pafs in the affirmative

52^{ly} The vote being put to see if the Town will vote

that Each Surveyor take on his party of hands in his list to level the Common nigh the new meeting House, And it pafs in the affirmative.

53^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee to settle with the Treafurer

54^{ly} Voted that the Committee confist of Two

55^{ly} Voted & Chofe Mr John Thurston Jun^r & Mr Paul Wetherbee a committee for the above purpose

56^{ly} It was moved and Seconded to see if the Town will except as a form for a receipt for the Baptist & Methodist to sign exhibited for the Towns acceptance by them, And it pafed in the Negative.

57 Voted to adjorn this meeting to munday the 20th day of this Instant March at the old meeting houfe at one oClock in the afternoon.

On munday the 20th March 1797 The town meet according to adjornment

The report of the Committee to let out the Collectorship, the Saxton befiness & the Towns poor was called for by the Moderator

The committee reported as follows — viz —

The committee appointed to vendue the Collectorship, Saxton befiness & the Towns poor attended the befiness on munday Evening the 6th march 1797 at the houfe of the Widow Cowdins in Fitchburg.

1st Set up the Collectorship to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound the south side of the Town he to bring two bondsman to the acceptance of the Town. and was bid of to Leiu^t Nehemiah Fuller Ju^r at 37/ upon the hundred pound.

2nd Set up the Collectorship to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound the North Side of the Town he to bring two bondsman to the acceptance of the Town and was bid of to M^r Nehemiah Fuller at 36/6.

3 Set up the Saxton befiness to the lowest bidder, and was bid off to M^r Benj^a Danforth for 15/ the year

4^{ly} Set up Ephraim Smith one of the Towns poor to the lowest bidder by the weak for one year upon the same conditions he was bid of at the last year, And was bid of to M^r Nehemiah Fuller at 3/3 p^r weak

5 Set up Mary Wares as one of the Towns poor to the lowest bidder by the weak for one year, or to the highest upon the same conditions as last year And was bid of to M^r W^m Small for which he is to give 3^d p^r weak

Voted to accept the report of the committee

Voted to pay M^r Benj^a Danforth 15/ as reported by the Committee for taking care of the meeting house &c.

Voted to pay M^r Nehemiah Fuller 3/3 p^r weak for supporting, and taking care of Eph^m Smith the conditions the same as last year

[5.5] Voted that the Town receive of M^r W^m Small 3^d p^r weak for the Service of Mary Wares the Town to find for her the same as last year

The committee appointed to view the road leading from M^r Afa Perrys to a place call^d Walkers Gate made their report as follows (viz)

The Subscribers a Committee chose by the Town of Fitchburg to view a Road leading from M^r Afa Perrys to a place called Walkers Gate and to report to the adjournment of March meeting have meet the parties on the premises and Examined the records & beg lieve to report (viz) That it is the oppinion of your committee that Leu^t Afaph Goodridge & others shall have free liberty to pass and repass at all times and Seafons from the Walker Gate so called into the County road by M^r Perrys where the road is now trod without any other Incumbrance than One gate well hung, which Gate is to be hung made and maintained by M^r Perry.

Fitchburg March 20 th 1797	Paul Wetherbee	} Committee
	Kendol Boutell	
	Israel Turner	

Voted to accept the above report

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to lay out a bridle road on the west side of pearl hill, which is as follows, beginning at the East end of M^r Daniel Holts barn and runing Northerly the west side of the high Rock so called as near said Rock as is Convenient for a Road partly on Land of said Holts and partly on land of M^r

Amos Laurence till it comes to the road that Leads from said Laurence to the the school houe all parties are agreed, with the said Holt keeping up Gates or barrs through said Laurence^s Land.

Fitchburg March 7th 1797. John Thurston Jun^r }
Amos Laurence } Committee
Daniel Holt }

Voted to accept of the above road as discribed and upon the conditions mentioned by the Committee

Voted to inlarge the Commision of the Committee chofen to vew the road between Samuel Phelps and Jacob Jaquiths that leads back of Perl hill so far as to take the records of the road proposed and make the bounds as the records proposed, and report to the Town at April meeting, unles the parties agree to sum other place that will better accomodate the parties interested, and then to report According to their agreement.

The committee appointed to here the parties which concerns the request of M^r. Sam^l. Gibson and others, respecting their school deftricts report as follows (viz)

Your committee chofe by the Town on a request of Sam^l. Gibson and others have met the parties & Examined into the Situation of the deftrict and the Petitioners in General, & beg leave to report (viz)

That it appears to your committee reafonable that the prayer of the petitioners in Justice ought to be granted, & it is further the opinion of your committee that the school houe for the West deftrict ought to stand on the Great road as near M^r. Jacob Uptons as the Ground Will admit on the great road, and built by the deftrict in the same proportion as they pay other Taxes.

Will^m Brown }
Israel Turner } Committee
Joseph Richardfon }

Voted to accept the report of the Committee.

Voted that the committee appointed to vew the Clab-boarding the New meeting houe and settle with M^r. John Putnum Jun^r. hold their report untill they have an opportunity to see and Settle with M^r. John Putnum Jun^r. and report to the Town at sum other meeting

It was motioned & seconded to reconsider the vote that was pass^d on the 6th march last respecting paying the Expence of Vitualing the Raifers of the New meeting house, and the Expence of the Jin Man &c to M^r John Putnum Ju^r

the Vote being put it pass^d in the Negative.

Voted to pass over the article respecting the Stable Ground for the present

Voted to adjorn this meeting for fifteen minutes & then to meet at Mr^s Cowdins.

[56] The Town meet at Mr^s Cowdins according to adjournment

the meeting opened —

Voted to Excuse the old Committee to let out the Collectorship

Voted to chuse a New Committee to let out the Collectorship

Voted to chuse five as a Committee for the above purpose

Voted & chose Daniel Farwell, Blany Phillips, Thomas Eaton, David Pratt, & Ezra Ritter

Voted to add five to the Committee

Voted & chose Joseph Downe, Abel Bawldin, Zacheus Farwell, Jacob Upton & Jo^s Polly

The Committe went upon the befiness upon the Spot and

1st made declaration to let out the Collectorship upon the south side of the Town to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound and he to bring two bondsman to the acceptance of the Town.

M^r Daniel Wetherbee was the lowest bidder & was Struck of to him at 37/ upon the hun^d pound

2^d Set up the North side of the Town to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound he to bring two Bondsman to the acceptance of the Town.

M^r David Macintire was the lowest bidder and was Struck of to him at 38/ upon the hun^d pound

Voted and chose M^r Daniel Wetherbee Constable for the South side of y^e Town

Voted and chose Cap^t Benj^a Marshall Constable for the North side of y^e Town.

It was moved and Seconded to see if the Town will accept as a form for a recpt^d for the Baptist and Methodist to give to the Treafurer for mony they proposed to receive back for the support of preaching. The recpt^d worded as follows (viz)

Rec^d of Ebn^t Thurston Town treafurer for the Town of Fitchburg the Sum of— which is in full of all demands against said Town for money paid for the support of preaching for the years 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, & 1796. agreable to the Bill of rights of this Commonwealth

The Vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to April meeting five OClock in the afternoon at the old meeting houfe.

On munday April 3rd 1797 The Town meet according to adjornment the meeting opened

Voted to adjorn this meeting to Thursday the 6th day this prefont month to one oClock in the afternoon at this place.

Thursday April 6th The Town meet according to adjornment and the meeting opened.

Voted and chufe Deacon Samuel Gibson to act as Moderator untill M^r Afa Perry shall appear to take his place as moderator

Voted & chufe M^r Daniel Wetherbee Collector for the South side the Town with Israel Turner Esq^r & M^r Blany Phillips for his Bondfman.

Here follows a report of a Committee that was appointed to hunt up an old Road that was in Dispute between M^r Sam^l Phelps and M^r Jacob Jaquith or to lay out a new one according to the old Records

We the Subscribers having ben chofen a committee the sixth of March last to hunt up an old road that was in Dispute between M^r Sam^l Phelps and Jacob Jaquith, or to lay out a New one according to the old Records would inform the Town that we are so happy as to persuade the Parties to [57] to agree and Straighten the road between them, and shall now give you a defeription of s^d road which is two rods wide & is as follows (viz)—

begining at a stake & stones at the corner of Mr Sam^l Phelps wall by the road that Leads to the meeting house said bounds is on the east side of the road & runs north about Ten rods to a white pine Tree marked on the west side & from thence to a large black Stump on the west side of the road near by Mr Jacob Jaquiths fence then straight to the road formerly laid out by Mr Joseph Phelps & Stephen Pingry Said road is given by the owners

Fitchburg April 3rd 1797 Samuel Gibson { Towns
William Brown } Committee

Voted to accept the report of the above committee respecting s^d road.

Voted to raise Fifteen pounds to be laid out by a committee to be chosen for the purpose of repairing the New County road from Leominster, to Gidions Shop to begin at the highth of Land so on to Gidions shop the money to be laid out under the direction of the Committee, and the money to be paid out of the next fall tax.

Voted to chuse Two men a committee for the above purpose

Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee & Israel Turner Esq^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to reconsider the votes, respecting paying or allowing Mr John Putnum Ju^r his Expence in Virtualing the Men at the raising the new meeting house, the expence of the Jinn man and the Expence of the hands imployed in raising the meeting house, and not allow him any thing for any of his Expence as voted on the 6th March . . .

Voted that the Treasurur receive a receipt in the following form for the Baptist and Methodist to sign, their receiving the money back for what they have paid for the years 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, & 1796, for the Support of Publick worship. Here follows a copy of the receipt (viz)

I the Subscriber being of that Denomination of Christians called Baptist (or Methodist as the Case may be) have this — day of — 1797. Rec^d of Ebn^t Thurston Treasurur for the Town of Fitchburg — in full for the money I have paid to the Several Collectors for the Support of Publick Worhip for the years 1792, 1793, 1794,

1795 & 1796 agreeable to the vote of the Town pafs^d Nov^r 14th 1796 which sum is in full of all demands I have against said Town of Fitchburg for money I have paid for the Support of Publick Worship to the present time

Voted that one Man be aded to the Committee appointed to settle with the Treafurer

Voted & chofe Joseph Fox for the above purpose.

Voted that the West school diftrict Center the diftrict by meafuring for the purpose of placing a school Houfe, and if it should not be a convenient place then to place it in the highest convenient place.

Voted to chufe a committee to view the school diftrict where M^r John Carter M^r Oliver Stickney Amos Sheldon & others live^s that request it whether it is not more convenient, and for the best, that they should be removed from the West school diftrict to the next South, and their to draw their money.

Voted to chufe three as a committee for the above purpose

[58] Voted & chofe M^r Mofes Hale Lieu^t Edward Durant and Cap^t W^m Brown a committee for the above purpose and make their report at sum other meeting.

Voted & chofe M^r David M^r intire Collector for the North side of the Town with M^r Jacob Upton & M^r Benj^a Herrick as bondsmen.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

The meeting is Difolved Afa Perry Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcefter fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corfe of Law
(Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified as the Constitution directs to vote for a Representative to affemble and meet at the Old meeting houfe on Munday the third day of April next at two OClock P. M. and when meet to give in their votes for the following re-

spective officers to the Selectmen who shall preside at said meeting.

1^{ly} To give in their votes for Governor

2^{ly} To give in their votes for Lieu^t Governor

3^{ly} To give in their votes for the choice of five Senators agreeable to the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentyeth day of March in the year 1797

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Worcester fs Fitchburg April 3rd 1797.

peruant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town afore-said to assemble and meet at the time and place within mentioned as the Law directs

Benj^a Marshall Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 3rd day of April 1797

The meeting opened.

1st The votes called for Governor

His Honour Moses Gill had 9

The Honorable Increase Sumner had 6

The Honorable James Sullivan had 27

2^{ly} The Votes called for Lieu^t Governor

His Honour Moses Gill had 31

The Honorable James Sullivan had 4

3^{ly} The votes called for Senators

The Honorable Josiah Stears had 31

The Honorable Salem Town had 31

The Honorable Benj^a Reed had 31

The Honorable Elijah Brigham had 31

The Honorable Daniel Bigelow had 31

Voted to adjourn this meeting a short time or for the present Meet according to adjournment.

Voted to Difsolve this meeting.

John Thurston Ju^r }
 Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[59] Worcester fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting—

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Maffachusetts to require you in due corfe of
 (Seal) Law to Notify and warn all the freeholders and
 other inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law
 to vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the
 old meeting Houfe on munday the third Day of April next
 at three oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the fol-
 lowing articles (viz)

1st To chufe a moderator to Govern said Meeting

2^{ly} To see Whether it is the Sence of the Town to
 give sum Gentleman a Call to the work of the Gospel
 miniftry or act in any matter or thing in Conjunction with
 the Church in respect to the Settlement of a Gospel min-
 ifter as they shall think proper.

3^{ly} To see what method will take to provide preach-
 ing through the summer season or act any thing theiron
 as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
 your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said
 Day and time above mentioned given under our hands &
 Seals this twentieth Day of March A D. 1797

John Thurston Ju^r }
 Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
 Seth Phillips }

Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 3rd 1797 Perfuant to
 the within warrant I have notified and warned the free
 holders and other Inhabitants of the Town afore said to
 affemble and meet at the time and place within mentioned
 as the Law directs. Benj^a Marhall Conftable —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg affembled on munday the 3rd day of April 1797

1^{ly} Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Moderator.

2^{ly} Voted that it is the Sence of the Town to give sum Gentleman a Call to the work of the Gospel Mineftry that has preached amongst us.

3^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour, then to meet at this place

The Church in Fitchburg by their Clerk presented the Town their vote certifying that they had given M^r Thos Noife a Call into the work of the Gospell mineftry

4th It was moved and Seconded to see if the Town would concur with the Church with their vote respecting giving M^r Tho^s Noyse a Call to Settle with us in the Gofpell miniftry

The vote being put, It pafs^d in the Negative.

5^{ly} It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will agree to give M^r Samuel Worcester a Call to Settle with us in the Gospell mineftry, The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative 43 to 24 and Eight of the 24 condefended to to agree to M^r Worcester.

6^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting for a Quarter of an hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjournment proceeded to befiness.

The Church presented their vote, to the Town respecting giving M^r Samuel Worcester a Call to the Work of the Gospel Mineftry — which vote is as follows (viz)

Fitchburg April 3rd 1797 At a legal meeting of the Church of Fitchburg on adjournment Voted to give M^r Samuel Worcester a Call into the work of the Gospell Mineftry
Attest Joseph Downes Clerk.

7 The vote being put to see if the Town will Concur with the Church to give M^r Samuel Worcester a Call to Settle with us in the Gospell miniftry

The vote being put it pased in the affirmative.

Voted to chufe a committee to prepare and lay before the Town such Encoragements as they shall think proper to induce M^r Sam^l Worcester to Settle with us in the work of the Gospell mineftry.

Voted to chose nine as a committee for the above purpose.

Voted and Chose Mr Afa Perry, Mr Jonathan Low Mr Paul Wetherbee Deacon Boutell Daniel Putnum Esq^r Israel Turner Esq^r Cap^t W^m Brown, Mr Phinehas Brown and Mr Jacob Upton and they to report at the adjournment.

[60] Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday next at two oClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place.

The meeting was accordingly adjourned.

On Thursday y^e 6th April 1797 The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened

The committee appointed to confider of the Encouragements to be made and report to the Town for M^r Samuel Worcester to Settle with us in the Gospel ministry made their report as follows (viz)

We the Subscribers being chosen at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled April 3rd 1797 a Committee to lay before the Town the Encouragements which shall be offered to M^r Sam^l Worcester to induce him to Settle with us in the work of the Gospel Ministry which is as follows viz

1st That M^r Samuel Worcester be Setled upon a Salary only for his Support while he continues with us in the work of the Gospel ministry in a Pastoreal Relation.

2nd That if it should so happen in the Course of his Ministry in Fitchburg that difficulty should arise on his part that should prove a grievence to this Church and people which may give in their oppinion Just occasion of Complaint that appears against him prejudicial to the Peace and happinefs of this Church and people, they shall have a right to Dismiss him from his Pastoreal relation to this Church and People with the advice of a mutual Counsell. Also on the other hand when any Just occasion of Complaint shall appear in the opinion of M^r Worcester, against the Church and people of his Charge Prejudicial to his peace and Usefullness in his pastoral office, he shall have a right to take a Dismission from this Church and People with the advice of a mutual Counsell.

3rd For his Support and Encouragement to Settle with the people in Fitchburg in a Pastorial relation they agree

to pay him Four hundred Dollars Annually as a Compensation for his Services while he shall Continue in the Ministry in the Town of Fitchburg. And also the privilege of improving about Twenty Acres of Wood Land which is the Towns property and lyeth in the Center of the Town, in order to accomodate him with firewood.

4^{ly} That in case M^r Samuel Worcester should take his dismission or be dismissed from his Ministerial relation to the Church and people of the Town of Fitchburg then the Civil contract shall be Dissolved without any further compensation to him any further than while he Serves the Town in a ministerial Capacity.

Fitchburg April 6th 1797.

All which is humbly Submitted. Afa Perry } p^r order
of the
Committee

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

Voted that Deacon John Thurston be requested to present M^r Samuel Worcester a copy of the report of the Committee respecting what Encouragements the Town will give him to Induce him to settle with us in the Gospel ministry

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Daniel Putnum Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[61] Worcester vs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the male Inhabitants of said Town and being twenty one years of Age, and qualified as the Law directs to vote for a Representative to meet at the old meeting house on thursday the Eighteenth day of May instant at two oClock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chusing a Representative to Represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the Last Wednesday of May, and you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above

mentioned given under our hands and Seales at Fitchburg the Second Day of May A D. 1797

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed to meet at time and place & for the purpose within mentioned

Daniel Wetherbee Constable

May 18th 1797.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on thursday the 18th day of May 1797.

1^{ly} The vote being put to see if it is the minds of the Town to send a Representative to the General Court this present year. And it pafs^d in the Affirmative

2^{ly} A vote was called for, and put, to see if the Town will reconsider the vote respecting sending a Representative, And it pafs in the affirmative

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corfe of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the Old meeting houle on Thursday the Eighteenth day of this Instant may at four OClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chufe a moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will except of the report of the Committee chofen to settle with the Town Treasurer

3^{ly} To see if the Town will chofe sum person to give Ebn^t Thurston Town treafurer a Deed of his Pews . .

4^{ly} To see what order the Town will take respecting those pews that was bid of the first sale and are not yet

paid for and act anything theiron as they shall think proper

5^{ly} To see if the Town will make any alterations in any of the school Distriets agreeable to a request of a number of the Inhabitants or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

6^{ly} To see if the Town will discharge John Putnum Jun^r from the expence of raising the New meeting Houfe in Fitchburg or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

[62] 7^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe a Committee to View, and if they shall think it expedient to lay out a road from the other road near Sam^l Phelp^s a crost to the New Meeting house agreeable to a request of a number of the Inhabitants or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

8^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe a Committee to over see the Leveling of the Common, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

9^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe sum person to over see and take Care of the Towns Land or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing theiron to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned, given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this Second Day of May AD. 1797

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed to meet at time and place and for the purpofes within mentioned.

Daniel Wetherbee Conftable

Fitchburg May 18th 1797.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on Thursday the 18th day of May 1797.

1^{ly} Voted and chofe Israel Turner Esq^t Moderator

2^{ly} Voted that the Committee appointed to settle with the Treaſurer as they have offered their report for the conſideration of the Town that they recive the report back again and aſertain as near as they can what the Town owes, as well as what is Due the Town and make report at Sep^r meeting

3^{ly} Voted that the Town Clerk give a title in behalf of the Town, of a Pew, or Pews, to Eben^r Thurston, ſuch as he has purchased in the new meeting houſe

4^{ly} A vote being put to ſee if the Town will requeſt the Town Treaſurer to demand the money of thoſe perſons that purchased Pews in the new meeting Houſe at Vendue March 10th 1795 what they are Deficient in payment in payment, and if they pay the money by the 30th of may Inſtant to demand no Interſt, and if they do not pay the money to take their notes on Interſt on demand from the time the money became Due, and the Treaſurer to make report at the next Town meeting of his doings, And the vote paſs^d in the affirmative

5^{ly} A vote being put to ſee if the Town will diſcharge Mr John Putnum Ju^r from the expence of raising the New meeting Houſe in Fitchburg agreeable to his requeſt, The vote being put it paſſed in the Negative

[63] 6^{ly} Voted to chuſe a Committee to view the ground for a road from the North eaſt part of the Town to the New Meeting houſe agreeable to a requeſt of a number of ſigners (viz) Jacob Jaquith & others and make report to the Town next meeting

7^{ly} Voted to chuſe a committee for the above purpoſe

8. Voted & choſe the Selectmen for the committee

9^{ly} Voted to chuſe a Committee to Inſpect the Leveling the common nigh the new meeting houſe

10 Voted that the committee conſiſt of three, that the whole attend upon the beſineſs to determine how it is beſt for the Surveyors to proceed in the beſineſs and when the Surveyors attend to do the work, only one of the Committee to attend the beſineſs and one of y^e committee to attend the whole of the time, when the Surveyors do work

11^{ly} Voted & choſe Paul Wetherbee Cap^t W^m Brown & Joſeph Fox a committee for the above purpoſe . . .

12^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to over see and take care of the Towns Land

13^{ly} Voted & chose Jonas Marshall Jun^r a Committee for the above purpose

14^{ly} Voted to annex Oliver Stickney, Amos Sheldon, John Carter & Daniel Putnum Jr to the school Distric South of the persons above named agreeable to their request

15^{ly} Voted disolve this meeting

Israel Turner Moderator.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachusetts to require you in due corse of

Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of s^d Town that are Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the old meeting house on tusday the Twentyeth day of this Instant June at three OClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To see if the Town will make any alterations in the pecuniary terms that have ben proposed by said Town to M^r Sam^l Worcester in case he shall settle with us in the work of the Gospel minestry or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

3^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to Supply the pulpit, and act any thing as they shall think propper.

4^{ly} To see if the Town will except of the report of the Committee chosen to view the a proposed road from the northerly part of the Town to the meeting house and act any thing theiron as they shall think propper.

5^{ly} To see if the Town will lay out a road from M^r Nehemiah Fullers house to M^r Abel Bawldin land or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said

Day and time above mentioned given under Our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of June in the year 1797.

John Thurston Jur^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Said Town as theirin exprest to meet at time and place and for the purposos within mentioned.

Daniel Wetherbee Conftable

[64] Att a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on Tusday the 20th day of June 1797.

1^{ly} Voted & chose Israel Turner Esqr Moderator

The forth article in the warrant taken up which is in respect of the Committee that was appointed to view a proposed road from the North part of the Town to the meeting house.

2^{ly} Voted that the Committee appointed for the above purpose receive their report again, and at sum futer meeting, report where it is best for the road to be laid out, and what expence it will be to the Town for the Land if the road should be laid out and excepted.

The Second Article in the warrant taken up respecting Mr Sam^l Worcesters pecuniary terms

It was moved and Seconded to see if the Town would make any alterations in the pecuniary terms respecting Setling Mr Sam^l Worcester in the work of the Gospel mineftry in this Town

3^{ly} The vote being put it pafsed in the affirmative

4^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee to make the proposed alteration and make their report at this meeting in a Quarter of an hour

5^{ly} Voted that the committee consist of five —

6^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t W^m Brown Deacon Kendol Boutell Mr Robert Burnam, Liu^t Edward Durant & Mr John Thurfton Jr a committee for the above purpose.

The fifth Article in the warrant taken up, respecting laying out a road from Mr Nehemiah Fullers house to Mr Abel Bawldins Land It was moved and Seconded to see

if it was the minds of the Town, that their be a road laid out as above proposed provided Mr Abel Bawldin will pay the Damages.

7^{ly} The Vote being put it pafs in the affirmative

The Committee appointed to make the alterations refpecting the pecuniary terms with regard to Mr Sam^{ll} Worcester, Setling with us in the work of the Gofpell mineftry, made their report as follows (viz)

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to take into confideration, and make sum alterations in the propofals that have ben made by said Town to Mr Sam^{ll} Worcester, beg leave to report viz. first, that the Town take of twenty pounds from the propofals that has ben made to Mr Sam^{ll} Worcester Annually.

Secondly That the Town give Mr Sam^{ll} Worcester two hundred pounds as a Settlement, One hundred pound to be paid in One year after his ordination and the other hundred pound in two years after his ordination with Interest from the time of his ordination

William Brown per order

It was moved and Seconded to see if the Town will except of the above report

8^{ly} The Vote being put it pafsed in the affirmative.

[65] 9^{ly} Voted that the Committee appointed to make the alterations refpecting the propofals that has ben made to Mr Sam^{ll} Worcester, be requested to furnish Mr Worcester with a copy of the alterations as soon as is convenient

10^{ly} Voted to pafs over the third article in the warrant

11^{ly} Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due courfe of Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to

vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the old meeting house on Munday the Twenty first day of this instant August at Three oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what time the Town will agree upon for the Ordination of M^r Samuel Worcester, and likewise make provision for the same and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of Aug^t in the year of our Lord AD 1797

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town as their in expres^d to meet at time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned.

Daniel Wetherbee Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 21st day of Aug^t 1797.

1^{ly} Voted & chofe Israel Turner Esq^r moderator

2^{ly} Voted that the last Wednesday in September next, be the day appointed for the Ordination of M^r Samuel Worcester

3^{ly} Voted to chuse a committee to receive proposals from any Gentleman, for what sum they will Entertain the Counsell at the Ordination, and make report to the Town in one hour.

4^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of three

5^{ly} Voted & chofe Daniel Putnum Esq^r M^r Paul Wetherbee & M^r Afa Perry a committee for the above purpose.

6^{ly} Voted to adjorn this meeting for one hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjournment the meeting Opened

The committee appointed to receive the propofals made their report, with the propofals from Several Gentlemen and after debating upon the matter and confidering all propofals,

[66] 7^{ly} Voted to accept the proposal made by Leiut^t Edward Durant which is as follows (viz) He will provide for the Counfell for the prime cost of the Vituals & drink that he shall on said Counfell Expend, and heve in all the Cost of Cooking & Table furniture, and be paid for Lodging and feed for horfes if any their be.

8^{ly} Voted to chufe a committee to direct M^r Durant how many to provide for, and Infpect his account for allowance

9^{ly} Voted to chufe Three as a committee for the above purpose

10^{ly} Voted & chofe M^r Paul Wetherbee M^r Afa Perry & M^r Mofes Hale a committee for the above purpose.

11^{ly} Voted that their be a committee chofen to affist the Conftables in regulating the Meeting houfe on the Day of Ordination

12^{ly} Voted that the committee confist of three to affist the Conftables

13^{ly} Voted and chofe M^r Joseph Polly M^r Abel Lincoln & Cap^t Jacob Burnap

14^{ly} Voted to add two more to the above committee viz M^r Tho^s Cowdin & M^r John Willard

15^{ly} Voted that the above committee be a committee to Shore the Gallerys to Secure them on the Day of Ordination, and Secure the Seats for the Signers on Said Day.

16 Voted to chufe One Man as a Committee to notify the Counfell and those persons expected to dine with the Counfell, where they are to repair too to be Entertained.

17^{ly} Voted & chofe Israel Turner Esq^r for the above purpose

18 Voted to Difsolve the meeting

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs: To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due course of
 (Seal) Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
 (Seal) other inhabitants of sd Town qualified by Law
 to vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at the old
 meeting house on Monday the fourth day of Sep^r next at
 One o'clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following
 articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what sum of money the Town will raise
 to support the schools the year ensuing and act any
 thereon as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town
 will raise to support the administration of the Gospel or
 act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . .

4^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town
 will raise to pay the Towns Debts and other Necessary
 charges or act any thing thereon as they shall think
 proper

5^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to cover
 the Bridge near Wards mill or act any thing thereon as
 they shall think proper

6^{ly} To see if the Town will here and accept the report
 of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer

[67] 7^{ly} To see if the Town will except of the re-
 port of the Committee chosen to view A proposed road
 from the Northerly part of the town to the meeting house
 and act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . .

8^{ly} To see if the Town will except the report of the
 Committee chosen to lay out fifty dollars on the New
 County road.

9^{ly} To see if the Town will make any Provision for
 building a pound or act any thing thereon as they shall
 think proper

10^{ly} To see if the Town will give the Committee that
 was chosen to paint the new meeting house any further
 instructions

11^{ly} To see if the Town will hold their Town meet-
 ings in the new meeting house for the future

12^{ly} To see what order the Town will take respecting

building school houses and act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty first day of August AD. 1797

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Persuant to the within warrant I have Notified the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified as within directed to meet at time and place within mentioned

Benj^a Marthall Constable . .

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 4th day of Sep^r 1797

1st Voted and chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator

2^y Voted to raise One hundred pounds to support the schools the year Enfuing

3^y Voted to raise Two hundred & forty pounds, for the following purposes viz One hundred pound for M^r Sam^l Worcesters Sallery for the first year, also one hundred pounds that being the first payment of M^r Sam^l Worcesters Settlement, and also forty pounds Arerages for preaching & boarding the Minester which the Town has expended more than their has ben money raised for . .

4^y Voted that the Affessors add to the Minester tax the expence of providing for the Counsell to the Two hundred & forty pounds when the sum shall be ascertained.

5^y Voted to raise One hundred and Ten pounds to pay the Towns Debts and necessary charges

6^y Voted to reconsider the last vote, and in lew thereof.

7^y Voted to raise Eighty pounds to pay the Towns Debts & Necessary charges

8^y Voted that the covering of the Bridge nigh Wards Mill be let out to be covered, to the lowest bidder at Vendue

9^{ly} Voted that the Bridge be covered with White pine plank three Inches thick

10 Voted to chufe a committee to let out the covering of of the Bridge nigh Wards Mill with Plank and see that it is done according to agreement

11^{ly} Voted to chufe One Man as a committee for the above purpose

12^{ly} Voted & chose Mr Joseph Downe a committee man for the above purpose and make report to the Town at sum futer meeting

The Committee appointed by the Town to reckon & Settle with the Trefurer have attended the Service & make or report as follows viz —

	Dollars	Cents	mills
We find in the hands of Mr Blaney Phillips collector for the year 1795	\$ 47 ..	76	. 5
We find in the hands of Mr Paul Wetherbee collector for the year 1795	\$ 30 ..	21	. 6
We find in the hands of Mr Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1796	\$ 604 ..	10	. 6
We find in the hands of Mr David Macintire Collector for the year 1796	\$ 619 ..	93	. 6

We also find in the hands of the Trefurer the following notes the Towns property.

— over —

[68]	brought over —	\$	
One note signd Edward Scott Dated Febr ^y 7 th 1794 £1..7..10 is		\$	4..60.0
One note signd David Gibson dated April 5 th 1790 0.12.1.3 is			2.. 2.0
One note signd Benj ^a Kemp dated March 22 nd 1790 0..14.11. is			2..44.0
One note signd Peter Snow dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796			45..37.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o			3..12.0
One note signd W ^m Brown dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796			13..31.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o			3..44.0
One note signd Nehemiah Fuller Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1797			30.. 0.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o			10.. 0.0

One note signd Jacob Jaquith dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	17..50.0
One note signd Jonas Marhall Ju ^r dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	32.. 6.0
One note signd Gedion Simons & Tho ^s Cowdin Ju ^r Nov ^r 21 st 1796	14..63.0
One note signd Jacob Burnap dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	18..75.0
One note signd Abial Holt & Elias Messenger dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	16..12.0
One note signd Daniel M. Stears & Kendol Boutell Ju ^r dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	15..38.0
One note signd Ezra Ritter dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	12..75.0
One note signd Joseph Fox dated Nov ^r 21, 1796	22..88.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o	21..38.0
One note signd Benj ^a Hawks dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	15.. 0.0
One note signd Amos Parce dated Nov ^r 21: 1796	13..87.0
One note signd Paul Wetherbee dated Nov ^r 21 1796	49..50.0
One note signd Simeon Farwell Nov ^r 21, 1796	15..75.0
One note signd Daniel Wetherbee Nov ^r 21, 1796	9..12.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o	36..38.0
One note signd Anger Cowdin Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	7..25.0
One note signd D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o	27..75.0
The above notes are all on Interest	
We also find due from Lieut Afaph Goodridge in part of four Pews in the New Meeting house he purchased at the first vendue March 10 th 1795	52.67.0
We also find due from Maj ^r John Goodridge in part of one Pew in the New meeting house he purchased at the first Vendue March 10 th 1795	21.54.0
We also find due from Elisha Chamberlin in part of one Pew in the New meeting house he purchased at the first Vendue March 10 th 1795	9.54.0

We also find due from Phinehas Allen in part
of one Pew in the new meeting house he
purchased at y^e first Vendue March 10th

1795 9.97.0

\$1856.11.3

We also find that the Treafurer has given his
note to Cap^t Tho^s Thurston for money
borrowed which the Town is to account for
by the Settlement of the Committee for . . \$60^{dol}—

John Thurston Ju^r } Committee appointed
Paul Wetherbee } by the Town to settle
Joseph Fox } with the Treafurer.

Ebn^r Thurston, Treafurer

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants assembled on the
18th day of May 1797

The Town voted to give the Committee that was
appointed to settle with the Treafurer further derections
(viz) to see what the Town is Indebted and report the
whole at Sep^t meeting, as nigh as they can asfertain . .

On the 25th Aug^t 1797 the Committee meet for the
purpose of finding out what the Town is now Indebted
and make our report to the town as follows viz —

To Mr Jon^a Smith sum unknown supposed to be ^{dol cts m} 22.. 0. 0
carried up —

[69] ^{dol Centsmils} up 22.. 0. 0

To Mr Ebn^r Thurston note dated Aug^t 25th

1797 on Interest for 162..45. 0

To Leiu^t Seth Phillips note dated April 4th 1796

on Int for 19.. 0. 0

To Mr Afa Perry note dated May 1st 1797 on

Interest for 200.. 0. 0

To Mr Reuben Smith Ju^r note dated Decemb^t

18th 1796 on Intrst for 53.. 0. 0

To Mr Jonathan Smith note dated Aug^t 29th

1796 on Interest for 24.. 0. 0

To Joseph Fox note dated May 9th 1796 on

Interst for 29..37. 8

To Mr Peter Town note dated January 18 th			
1797 on Interest for	500..	0.	0
To Cap ^t Tho ^s Thurston note dated on			
Interest the same as mentioned in the first			
report	60..	0.	0
Expences for preaching & boarding the Min-			
ister more than their has ben money raised			
by the Town	93..	50.	0
Laid out upon the New County road that the			
money has not ben raised	50..	0.	0
Triming for the Pulpit which the money has			
not ben raised	40..	0.	0
To Mr Tho ^s Noyce note Dated Nov ^r 1 st 1796			
on Interest	19..	0	0
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	\$1272..	32.	8

John Thurston Ju^r } Committee to settle with the Treaf-
 Paul Wetherbee } urer & to see what the Town is
 Joseph Fox. } Indebted & report to the Town —
 Ebn^r Thurston Town Treafurer.

13^{ly} Voted to except the report of the Committee
 chofen to settle with the Town treafurer and likewise to
 see as near as they could what the Town is Indebted

14^{ly} Voted to except the report of the Committee to
 lay out fifty dollars on the county road from Gedians
 shop towards Leominster as they have made their report—
 which is 49^{dol} 15^{cents}

15^{ly} Voted to build a New Pound

16^{ly} Voted to erect a Pound upon Mr Benj^a Dan-
 forths Land at sum spot between the Horse Stables upon
 the south side of the Common nigh the New meeting
 house & Land that Mr Danforth Sold to Mr Nath^l F.
 Cunningham on the line of the Common.

17^{ly} Voted to erect the Pound proposed with Stone.

18^{ly} Voted that the Pound be erected two rods
 Square within the walls.

19 Voted to chufe a committee to receive Proposals
 from any person or persons what they will build the
 Pound for and make report to the next Town meeting

20 Voted to chuse a committee to receive proposals from any person or persons what they will build the Pound for where it is now voted to be built, or any other Sutable place in the Judgment of the Committee that will best accomedate the Town

21 Voted that the Committee consist of three.

22 Voted and Chose Mr Abraham Willard Cap^t W^m Brown & Deacon Sam^l Gibson a Committee for the above purpose.

23 Voted that the Pound be complected by the first of June next and that the Committee inform the person or persons who make propofals that it is expected the Pound to be complected the first of June next.

24 Voted to pafs over the 10th article in the warrant

25 Voted that the Town hold the Town meeting in the old meeting house for the futer untill the further order of the Town

26 Voted that their be a committee chosen for each Deftrict to lay out the school money and that each committee man be under the direction of the deftrict to which he belongs

27. Voted & chose Mr Joseph Low Ju^r for the first Deftrict.

28 Voted & chose Mr Abijah Goodridge for the second Deftrict.

29. Voted & chose Deacon Boutell & Mr John osborn for the 3rd Deftrict.

30 Voted & chose Mr Jacob Upton for the 4th Deftrict.

31 Voted & chose M^r Abraham Willard & Mr Blany Phillips for the 5th Deftrict.

32 Voted & chose Mr Nathan Badcock for the sixth Deftrict.

33. Voted & chose Mr Sam^l Phelps & Mr Jacob Macintire for the 7th Deftrict.

34 Voted to choose a committee to deftrict the Town a new, for the purpose of placing school houses in the Town, and that the committee pitch upon a spot in each deftrict to place the school house and place the corner stone.

[70] 35^y Voted that their be three Committeemen from each Distriet and that they attend upon the befiness without any expence to the Town

36^y Voted to reconsider the last vote.

37^y Voted to chuse Seven as a committee for the above purpose.

38^y Voted to adjorn this meeting to the second Munday in Oct^r next one oClock in the after noon then to meet at this place

Oct^r 9th the Town meet according to adjornment

Voted to pafs over the seventh article respecting a proposed road for the present

Voted to except of the report of the Committee chofen to lay out the pound as far as respects the form of the Pound

Voted to let out the Building of y^e Pound at the lowest bidder.

Voted that the Committee that was chofen to draw a plan of the Pound to be the Committee to let out the building to said pound and inspect it.

Voted that the undertaker of said Pound shall have the previledge of chusing whether he Will build on the Towns Land, or on Benj^a Danforth^s Land where it is staked out, and have the previledge of taking the stone off of the Towns Land if they please

Voted that if they build the said Pound on the Towns Land that they shall dig a trench below where the frost will come & fill it up with stone to set the wall on . . .

Voted to reconsider the vote respecting chusing seven for the Committee to distriet the Town

Voted to chuse six for a Committee one out of each distriet to make a Center Distriet

Voted that Mr Robert Burnam be one of this committee

Voted that Israel Turner Esq^r be one of the Committee

Voted that Mr Benj^a Flint be one of the Committee

Voted that Mr Seth Phillips be one of the Committee

Voted that M^r Stephen Thurston be one of the Committee

Voted that Mr John Thurston be one of the Committee

Voted that Mr Afa Perry in the Rome of Mr Burnam & dismised Mr Burnam

Voted to Excuse Israel Turner Esqr from this Committee

Voted that Deacon Boutell be one of this Committee

Voted that this Committee make a report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the 23rd day of this Infant at One OClock P. M.

Oct^r 23rd 1797 The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjournment

A vote was put to see if the Town would purchase the school houses now in said Town: And it pased in Negative.

The committee appointed to make out the Lines for the middle school Distriet reported as follows (viz) . . .

First that the following inhabitants be considered as the out lines for the middle School Distriet begining at the Widow Hannah Cowdins from thence to Leu^t Edward Durants & Joseph Lows & Phinchas Allens [71] and Joseph Sawyers & Aaron Darbys & Ezra Ritters & Benja^a Wilfons all the Inhabitants that are comprehended in these lines are to be considered as belonging to the middle school Distriet

Secondly that it is our oppinnion the school house ought to stand on Mr Danforth^s Land about sixteen feet from the fouth East End of Mr Pools Stable to best convene the Distriet and we expect the Land will be no expence to the Town.

Afa Perry	} Committee
Kendol Boutell	
Seth Phillips	
Benja ^a Flint	
John Thurston Ju ^r	
Stephen Thurston	

Fitchburg Oct^r y^e 16th 1797

The vote being put to see if the Town will accept the report of the committee appointed to make out the Lines of the middle school District,

And it passed in the Negative.

Voted to chuse a committee out of the proposed middle District to district the rest of the Town and appoint the place where Each school house shall be built and place the corner stone, except those districts which are satisfied with their own school houses they shall have the privilege of drawing the money back that they are taxed towards building school houses & make report the next Town meeting

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted & Chose Cap^t W^m Brown M^r Eph^r Kimball & Leu^t Edward Durant

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

The meeting accordingly defolved.

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: ss: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due course of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town that are Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and Assemble at the old meeting house on monday the ninth day of Oct^r next at two oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

first To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see what order the Town will take respecting those Pews that were bid of the first sale and are not as yet paid for and act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

3^d To see if the Town will give their Treasurer any further Instructions respecting the Methodist and Baptists Certificates or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To see if the Town will raife any Sum or Sums of money for the purpose of hireing a Master to teach Mufick for the infuing year or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper agreable to a request of a number of the Inhabitants

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing theiron to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty second day of September AD. 1797

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town as theirin exprested to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Daniel Wetherbee Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asssembled on munday the 9th day of Oct^r 1797

1st Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r moderator

2 Voted to adjorn the meeting for one hour

Meet according to adjornment

Voted to pafs over the second article for the present

Voted to pafs over the third article for the present

Voted to raife a Sum of money to support the Mufick

[72] Voted to raife Thirty dollars to support the Mufick

Voted to adjorn the meeting to the 23rd day of this Infant at two OClock P. M.

23rd Oct^r 1797 The Town meet according to adjornment

Voted to chuse a committee to examine the Certificates of the Methodists & Baptists teachers which shall be presented to the Treafurer for to draw back their minester tax of either of the orders, and those Certificates which the Committee agree to be such as the Town has agreed upon, the Treafurer is desired to pay out accordingly

Voted to reconsider the last vote respecting the Certificates presented by the Methodists & Baptists

Voted to chufe a committee for the above purpose to affist the Treadurer

Voted to chufe two as a committee for the above purpose

Voted & chofe Joseph Fox as one of the committee

Voted & chofe Mr Abraham Willard as one of the Committee

Voted to excufe Joseph Fox from serving as one of the committee

Voted and chofe Daniel Putnum Esq^t in the rome of Joseph Fox difmised

Voted to excufe Mr Abraham Willard from serving as one of the Committee

Voted & chofe Cap^t W^m Brown in the rome of Mr A. Willard difmised

Voted to Excufe Cap^t W^m Brown as serving on the Committee.

Voted & chofe Mr Paul Wetherbee in the rome of Cap^t Brown difmised

Voted that the Committee make their report at the next Town meeting for acceptance.

A vote was put to see if the Town would reconsider the vote at the last Town meeting respecting raising thirty dollars to support the Mufick And it pafsed in the affirmative

Voted to difsolve this meeting

the meeting was accordingly difsolved

Daniel Putnum Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcefter. fs: To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg within the County of Worcester . Greeting.

(Seal) Thefe are in the name of the Commonwealth

(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corse of

Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and

other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to

vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old

meeting houfe on wednefday the third Day of January

next at One oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the

following articles (viz)

first To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting.

2^y To see what order the Town will take upon a Notification the Selectmen have rec^d from the Town of Gardner respecting Oliver Upton and act anything theiron as they shall think proper

3^y To see if the Town will here and except of the report of the Committee chofen the last Town meeting to examine the Baptists and Methodist Certificates or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron [73] to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned, Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Eighteenth day of December in the year 1797. John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Persuant to the within warrant I have Notified the inhabitants of said Town to meet at time & place and for the purpofes within mentioned

Daniel Wetherbee Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg January 3rd 1798.

1^y Voted & chofe Israrel Turner Esq^r Moderator

2. Voted to direct the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg to object to the Town of Gardner against taking Oliver Upton

3^y Voted to Direct the Selectmen to git the best counfell that they can concerning the said Oliver Upton

4^y Voted to except of the report of the Committee concerning the Baptists & Methodist Certificates which report is as follows (viz)

We the Subscribers being chofen a committee on the 23rd day of October last to affist the Town Treadurer in Examining the Certificates lately given to a number of our Inhabitants to discharge them from Minester taxes and likewise to Draw money out of our Treadurer that has ben paid in for the Support of Publick worship without any Excuse or Molestation whatever, said Certificates signd by Stephen Gibson and Phillip Wager,

Beg leave to report to the Town as follows for their Consideration, that agreeable to the Town Vote the Treafurer is directed to pay back the money that has ben paid by all those persons who formerly remonstrated to the Town against paying minester taxes with us who are now Inhabitants of this Town they producing Certificates from Religious Teachers that they attend on their Instructions; But that no money be reimbursed to any person of this town or to their teachers who have never given in their Names to the Town in a legal way that they intended to Join another Society Either Methodists or Baptists and that the following persons are not intitled to draw back any money they have paid towards the Support of public worship with us, namely Doct Jonas Marshall, Jacob Macintire, Daniel Macintire, Edward Burnap, John Pratt, Elias Macintire, Benja^a Herrick, Doct Ephraim Stone, Jonathan Smith, Benja^a Kemp, Ephraim Smith, Reuben Smith, Barnard Bawldin; . . . That it is our opinion the Town Petition the General Court that an Explanatory Refolve should pass that Honorable Body what proceedings shall be had for the futer respecting the Baptists and Methodists, all which is humbly Submitted

Daniel Putnum } Committee
Paul Wetherbee }

Fitchburg January 3^d 1798.

5^y Voted to chuse a Committee to Petition to the General Court an Explanatory act

6. Voted to chuse a Committee

7. Voted that this Committee shall Consist of three.

Voted that Daniel Putnum Esq^r be one of this Committee, Capt William Brown to be one of the Committee . . . Abraham Willard

Voted that this Committee be directed to furnish the Nefary Documents to accompany the Petition.

Voted to Defolve this meeting.

Israrel Turner Moderator
Benja^a Marshall Clerk Protempory
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[74] Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you to Notify by ver-
 (Seal) bell warning the freeholders & other Inhabitants
 of the Town of Fitchburg Qualified by Law to
 vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the old
 meeting House on Wedney third day of this Instant Janu-
 ary at three oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the
 following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will Remonstrate to the Leg-
 islative body of this Commonwealth against the Erection of
 new Cort House in the Town of Worcester and pray that
 the County may be divided, or act any thing theiron as
 they shall think proper — Hereof fail not and make
 return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum
 one of us on the day and time above mentioned . . .

Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this third
 day of January AD. 1798 John Thurston Jur^t } Selectmen
 Paul Wetherbee } of
 Seth Phillips } Fitchburg.

Persuant to the within written warrant I have noti-
 fied & warned all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of
 the Town of Fitchburg to meet at time & place & for the
 purpose within mentioned Benj^a Marshall Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg Januy
 3rd 1798

1^{ly} Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^t Moderator to
 govern said Meeting

2^{ly} Voted to Remonstrate against building a New
 Court House in Worcester

3^{ly} Voted To Petition to have the County Divided

4^{ly} Voted that the Town of Harvard & Leominster
 be Notified of this befiness

5^{ly} Voted to chuse chuse a Committee to Remonstrate
 against building a new Court House & alfo to Petition to
 have the County Divided

6^{ly} Voted that the Committee Consist of three

Voted that Daniel Putnum Esq^r Cap^t Will^m Brown & Abraham Willard be of this Committee.

Israel Turner Moderator

Benja^a Marshall Clerk Protembery

Recorded by — Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[75] Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County . . . Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of

Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old meeting house on Wednesday the Twenty first day of this Instant February at two oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what order the Town will take upon a late demand that has ben made against the Town by those persons who Deem themselves by profesion Baptists and Methodist and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this sixth day of February A. D 1798

John Thurston Ju^r }
Seth Phillips } Selectmen

Worcester, fs. Persuant to the within warrant I have Notified all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at time and place and for the purpose within Mentioned

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled February 21st 1798

1st Voted and chose Cap^t W^m Brown Moderator

2^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee to confer with Mr Phillip Wager said to be a Teacher of a Methodist Society in Fitchburg, and Mr Stephen Gibson of Ashby said to be a teacher of a Baptist Society in Fitchburg, also a Demand of Doct Isaiah Parker teacher of a Baptist Society in Harvard, or their attorneys for that purpose, and to make a Settlement with them for their demands upon the Town for taxes they have paid towards the Support of Publick Worship, and if they cannot make a Settlement to refer the matter to referees

3^{ly} Voted that the Committee Consist of five

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esqr Joseph Fox, Capt W^m Brown, Daniel Putnum Esqr & Mr Paul Wetherbee a Committee for the above purpose

Voted to disolve this meeting. the meeting was accordingly disolved.

William Brown Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester: fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) Massachusets to require you in due corse of Law
(Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the Old meeting house on Munday the fifth Day of March next at nine oClock in the morning and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To Chuse a Town Clerk and Selectmen and other Town officers as the Law directs and act any thing in regard to choosung Collectors as they shall think proper.

3^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair the highways and bridges the year insuing and act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . .

4^{ly} To see if the Town will except of any Road that has ben laid out by the Selectmen or their order . . .

5^{ly} To see if the Town will pay the expence of raising the New meeting house agreable to the undertakers request, he follows the request

To see if the Town will pay the expence of Raising the new meeting in Fitchburg which is thought in General that the Town ought in Justice to pay & the undertaker thinks it very hard if the Town will not allow it.

John Putnum.

To Mr John Thurston sir please to put this article in at March meeting.

[76] 6^{ly} To see if the Town will except the list of Juror Men that is made out by the Selectmen

7^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money The Town will raife to pay the Towns Debts and other Necessary charges and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

8^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raife to support the Reverend Mr Worcester the year Enfuing

9^{ly} To see what sum of money the Town will raife to support the schools the year infuing and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

10^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to support their Poor the year infuing or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

11^{ly} To see if the Town will Vote the swine to run at Large under the regulations of the Law

12^{ly} To see if the Town will give Joseph Fenno a Deed of the Land they formerly voted him off of the Boynton Lot or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

13^{ly} To see if the Town will dispose of the old meeting house or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

14 Hereof fail not and make return of Warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands & seal, at Fitchburg this Fifteenth day of February AD. 1798

John Thurston Jur	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 5th day of March 1798.

1^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Asa Perry Moderator

2^{ly} Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk

3^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Eben^r Thurston Town Treafurer Town Clerk

4^{ly} Voted to chuse three Selectmen for the year Insuing.

5^{ly} 6^{ly} 7^{ly} Voted & Chose M^r John Thurston Ju^r M^r Paul Wetherbee, & M^r Seth Phillips Selectmen

8^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen be the Affesors the Prefent year Affesors

9^{ly} Voted to let out the Collectorship as it was the last year (viz) to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound, the lowest bidder to git two bondfmen to the acceptance of the Town

10^{ly} Voted to Chuse a Committee to let out the Collectorship at Vendue and make their report at the adjournment of this meeting.

11^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of Seven

Voted & chose Thomas Eaton, Moses Hale, Joseph Fox, Daniel Farwell Asa Perry, Cap^t Benj^a Marshall & Amos Ordway a committee for the above purpose . . .

Voted to add three to the above Committee

Voted & Chose Liu^t Edward Durant, Doc^t Peter Snow & Thomas Cowdin for the above purpose

Voted to chuse the same number of Highway Surveyors as last year

Voted & chose Joshua Parce, Moses Hale, Daniel Farwell Ju^r Amos Lawrance, Phinehas Brown, Samuel Caffwell, Doc^t Peter Snow Reuben Smith, Daniel Wetherbee, Joseph Polly, Benj^a Herrick, Daniel Putnum Esq^r Joseph Downe, Aaron Wheeler, & Seth Phillips to be the highway Surveyors the year insuing . . Highway Surveyors

Voted & chose Kendol Boutell Ju^r Daniel Farwell Ju^r Elias Messenger Benj^a Smith Ju^r Ensign James Cowdin, Samuel Gibson Ju^r Daniel Whitmore, Nathan Badcock Ju^r Sewell Fullum, Daniel. M. Stearns & Jonathan Boynton Hog Reves for the year Ensuing . . . Hoggreaves

[77] Voted & chofe Samuel Phelps & Jacob Osborn firewards for the year infuing Firewards

Voted & chofe William Small Surveyor of Lumber the year infuing Surveyor of Lumber

Voted & chofe Daniel Farwell & Amos Wheeler fence viewers for the year infuing Fence Viewers

Voted & Chofe Cap^t Jacob Burnap & Simeon Farwell field drivers the year infuing Field drivers

Voted & chofe David Parce Sealer of Weights & meafures Seallers of weights & Meafures

Voted & chofe Mofes Hale & Joseph Simonds Sealers of Leather the year infuing Sealers of Leather

Voted & chofe Jonas Marshall Ju^r Pound keeper the year Infuing. Pound keeper

Voted & chofe Hezekiah Hodgskins & Stephen Thurston Ju^r Tytheingmen the year Infuing . . Tythingmen

Voted & chofe Jofeph Downe Surveyor of hoops & staves the year infuing . . Surveyor of hoop & Staves

Voted to let out the Saxton befinels to the lowest bidder by a committee and report to the Town at the adjournment of March meeting

Voted that the Committee confist of three

Voted & chofe Jonathan Flint, Cap^t Jacob Burnap, & Joseph Polly a committee for the above purpose . . .

Voted to raife Two hundred & twenty five pounds to repair the highways and Bridges the prefent year . . .

Voted that they money raised for the highways & Bridges be laid out in the same manner as last year as to allowance for wages of men, Cattle &c.

Voted that M^r Ephraim Kimboll & Ephraim Kimboll Ju^r be allowed to work out their highway taxes this present year to help themselves over the river to the County road

Voted that this meeting be adjourned for one hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjournment opened the meeting and proceeded to befinels

Voted to accept the list of Juormen as presented by the Selectmen

Voted to raise the Salary for the support of The Reverend Mr Samuel Worcester for one year it being One hundred pound, for the year 1798

Voted to raise One hundred pounds it being for the remaining part of the Reverend Mr Samuel Worcester Settlement

Voted to raise One hundred pound to Support the school the year ensuing

Voted that each School District draw their money in proportion to the schoolers in said District according to the numbers of schoolers from four years to twenty one years of Age

Voted that the schoolers in each District be confined to their own district with respect to schooling

Voted to Chuse a Committee man for each District to lay out the school money agreeable to the above vote . .

Voted, & chose Lieu^t Edward Durant, Mr Afa Perry, Mr Zacheus Farwell Mr Jacob Osborn, Mr Joseph Polley, Mr Elijah Carter, Mr Thomas Cowdin Mr Benj^a Herrick, Mr Jeremiah Kinfman, & Mr Amos Lawrence a school Committee for the year Ensuing . . . School Committee

Voted that Each School Committeeman be requested to make return of the number of schoolers from four years old to twenty one years of age to the Selectmen on or before the last day of July next

Voted that each school Committeeman be under the direction of the district to which they belong to lay out their proportion of the school money.

Here follows a copy of a request of Mr John Putnam the undertaker of the new meeting House (viz) To see if the Town will pay the Expence of Raising the New meeting house in Fitchburg which is thought in General that the Town ought in Justice to pay & the Undertaker thinks it very hard if the Town will not allow it.

Signd John Putnam.

To Mr John Thurston Sir please to put this article in at March meeting

[78] A vote being put to see if the Town would pay the expence of raising the New meeting House agreeable to the under takers request, and it passed in the Negative.

A vote being put to see if the Town will pay the Men that assisted the Undertaker to raise the new meeting house, and it passed in the affirmative

Voted that the Poor be let out to the lowest bidder on the same Conditions as last year

Voted that the Committee that was chosen to let out the Collectorship be the Committee to let out the poor & report at the adjournment.

Voted to add two to the Committee

Voted & chose Maj^r John Goodridge & Daniel Putnam Esq^r Committeemen for the above purpose . . .

Voted that the Swine run at Large under the Regulation of the Law the year ensuing

Voted that The Town Treasurer give a Deed in behalf of the Town to Joseph Fenno of a certain peice of Land which the Town has formerly voted to the said Fenno the said Fenno to be at the Expence of the Deed.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Munday the 12th day of this present month at One oClock in the afternoon at this place

On munday March 12th 1798 The Town meet according to adjournment

On motion Voted to take up the fifth Article in the warrant respecting m^r John Putnams request which was respecting paying the Expence of raising the New meeting House

Voted to reconsider the Votes already voted respecting M^r John Putnams request in the fifth article in the warrant and have that article Stand the same as when it was first taken up to act upon

It was motioned & seconded, and the the Vote being put, to see if it is the mind of the Town that they pay M^r John Putnum the Expence of raising the New meeting agreeable to his request in the fifth article in the warrant, and it pass^d in the Negative

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to pay the Towns Debts and Necessary charges the year ensuing

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the Collectorship & The Towns poor . . which is as follows . . (viz)

Munday Evening March 5th 1798

The committee appointed to let out the Collectorship & the Towns poor at Vendue to the lowest bidder having attended the beinefs to which we were appointed at Mr^s Cowdins they Set up the Collectorship upon the south side of the Town upon the hundred pound agreeable to the vote of the Town

And was bid of to Mr^r Samuel Harrifs Ju^r at 28/ upon the hundred pound

Set up the Collectorship upon the North Side of the Town and was bid of the David Hodgskins at 32/ upon the hundred pound

Set up Ephraim Smith to keep by the weak to the lowest bidder upon the same prinfables as he was Set up the last year, and bid of to Jacob Osborn at 3/0 p^r weak.

Set up Mary Wares to keep by the weak to the lowest bidder or the highest bidder for the weak upon the same prinfables as she was the last year. And bid of to Mr^r John Farwell for which he agreed to give 3^d p^r weak to the Town

Signd Thomas Eaton } p^r order of
the Committee

Munday Evening March 5th 1798 The committee appointed to let out the Saxton beinefs having attending the beinefs to which we were appointed at Mr^s Cowdins Set up to the lowest bidder And bid of to Mr^r Aaron Eaton at 17/6 for the year infuing

Jonathan Flint p^r order of the Committee.

[79] Voted to accept of Mr^r Daniel Wetherbee & Mr^r Daniel M. Stearns as Bondfman for Mr^r Samuel Harrifs Ju^r for Serving as Collector for the South Side of the Town

Voted to accept of Mr^r Tho^s Eaton & Mr^r Seth Phillips as Bondfmen for Mr^r David Hodgskins for Serving as Collector for the North side of the Town

Voted & chofe Mr^r David Hodgskins Collector for the North Side of the Town for the year infuing . . Collector

Voted & chofe Mr^r Samuel Harrifs Ju^r Collector for the South Side of the Town for the year infuing . . Collector

Voted & chose Mr Samuel Harris Ju^r One of the Con-
 stables for the year insuing Constable

Voted & chose Mr David Hodgskins One of the Consta-
 bles for the year insuing Constable

Voted that the Selectmen try and See what market
 they can make of the old meeting Houfe and make report
 at May meeting

Voted to disolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town
 of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth

(Seal) of Maffachusetts to require you by Verbel notice

(Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other

Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to
 vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the old
 meeting houfe on Munday the fifth Day of this Instant
 March at four oClock. P. M. and when meet to act on
 the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will here and except of the
 report of the Committee chofen the 21st of February last
 to make a Settlement with the Baptists and Methodists
 or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . .

3^{ly} To see if the Town will chose a Saxton to take
 care of the Meeting Houfe or act any thing theiron as
 they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
 your doings theiron to sum One of us on or before said
 Time above mentioned given under our hands and Seal
 at Fitchburg this fifth day of March. AD. 1798

John Thurston Ju^r

Paul Wetherbee.

Seth Phillips

} Selectmen.

Worcester fs. Perfuant to the within Warrant I have
 notified all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the

Town of Fitchburg Quallified to vote in Town meeting to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

Benj^a Marshall Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled March 5th 1798

1^y Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator.

2^y Voted to direct the Treafurer to pay back to those Methodist & Baptist teachers their minefter tax agreable to the Role the Treafurer & Doc^t Snow made out and agreable to what the Committee that was chosen to settle with the Methodists & Baptists have this day reported

3^y Voted to difsolve this meeting

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Here follows a report of the Committee that was chosen to Settle with the Methodists & Baptists

The committee Chofe by the Town of Fitchburg at a Town meeting affembled on February 21st 1798 to Settle with the Methodists and Baptists met them on Munday y^e 26th February at the houfe of M^{rs} Hannah Cowdins and could not agree with them, and agreed to meet them again at Daniel Putnum Ju^r on March the 2nd 1798 accordingly mett them & agreed (viz) that all those persons that had heretofore been exempted by the Town [80] from Minefterial Tax and whose names were included in an Estimate made by Doc^t Snow & Town Treafurer purporting to be a Role together with all those names Entered on the same Estimate and Signed by the Committee from the date affixt to their names shall draw their Minefterial Money from the Town Treafurer

Israel Turner	} Committee
William Brown	
Paul Wetherbee	

David Mcintire	} Committee from
Abraham Willard	
Stephen Gibson	

the Methodist
and Baptists.

From Manufactory Tax and other names ~~was~~ were included
in an estimate since by Col. Jones & Van Tine's purporting to
be a list, together with all their names entered on the same estimate
and signed by the Committee from that date ^{affairs} & their names shall
draw their Manufactory Money from the Van Tine's

Fitchburg March 2. 1798

Israel Turner
William Brown } Committee
Paul Withers

David Mearns } Committee from
Abraham Willard } the Methodist
Stephen Gibson } and Baptists

Here follows the estimate made purporting to be a list, made by
Col. Jones & Van Tine's

Abraham Willard	1	1.70	year 1792	
	1	1.07	year 1793	
	1	1.11	year 1794	
Samuel Gibson	2 124	3.61	year 1795	(D.C. Total 9.53)
	3	2.32	year 1792	
	3	2.19	year 1793	
	3	1.29	year 1794	
Stephen Gibson	3 1.86	3.91	year 1795	- 12.07
	1	.64	year 1792	
	1	.39	year 1793	
	1	.36	year 1794	
Samuel Chubbuck	1 .62	.32	year 1795	3.13
Charles Willard	2 1.24	1.54	year 1795	- 2.72
	2	2.00	year 1792	
	1	1.79	year 1793	
	1	.87	year 1794	
Joseph Potley	1 .62	3.25	year 1795	7.91
	1	1.73	year 1792	
	1	2.16	year 1793	
	1	1.20	year 1794	
Jonathan Page	1 .62	4.12	year 1795	9.32
	1	1.58	year 1792	
	1	1.72	year 1793	
	1	.20	year 1794	
Joseph Mearns	1 .62	3.29	year 1795	7.57
	1	1.46	year 1792	
	1	1.50	year 1793	
	1	.93	year 1794	
Samuel Willard	1 .62	3.13	year 1795	6.89
William Lucy Willard	2	1.41	year 1792	
	1	1.08	year 1793	
		.32	year 1794	
David Mearns	2 1.24	1.61	year 1795	4.42
		3.26	year 1792	
		1.00	year 1793	
		1.95	year 1794	
		1.67	year 1795	9.12

Here follows the Estate mate purported to be a Role made by Doct Snow & Town Treaferer

	No. Poles	Polls pays	D. C			
Abraham Willard .	1		1.70	year 1792		
	1		1.87	year 1793		
	1		1.11	year 1794	D. C	
	2	1.24	3.61	year 1795—	9.53	Total
Samuel Gibson . .	3		2.52	year 1792		
	3		2.49	year 1793		
	3		1.29	year 1794		
	3	1.86	3.91	year 1795—	12.07	
Solomon Gibson .	1		.64	year 1792		
	1		.59	year 1793		
	1		.36	year 1794		
	1	.62	.92	year 1795—	3.13	
Simeon Shattuck .	2	1.24	1.54	year 1795—	2.72	
Charles Willard .	2		2.00	year 1792		
	1		1.79	year 1793		
	1		.87	year 1794	62	
	1	62	3.25	year 1795—	7.91	
Joseph Polley . .	1		1.98	year 1792		
	1		2.16	year 1793		
	1		1.06	year 1794	62	
	1	62	4.12	year 1795—	9.32	
Jonathan Page . .	1		1.58	year 1792		
	1		1.82	year 1793		
	1		.88	year 1794	62	
	1	.62	3.29	year 1795—	7.57	
Elijah McIntire . .	1		1.46	year 1792		
	1		1.50	year 1793		
	1		.83	year 1794	62	
	1	.62	3.10	year 1795—	6.89	
Lemuel Haskiel . .	2		1.41	year 1792		
Widow Lucy Haskell	1		1.08	year 1793		
			.32	year 1794		
			1.61	year 1795—	4.42	
David McIntire . .	2	1.24	3.26	year 1795		
			1.00	year 1794		
			1.95	year 1793		
			1.67	year 1792—	9.12	

[81] Benja ^a Herrick	1	.62	1.33	year 1795	
Benja ^a Kemp	. . . 1	.62	1.44	year 1795	
Jonathan Smith	. 1	.62	.35	year 1795	
Thomas Gibson	. 1	.62	2.69	year 1795	
			.74	year 1794	
			1.43	year 1793	D. C
			1.26	year 1792	. . . 6.74
Daniel Willard	. . 1	.62	.25	year 1795	
			21	year 1794	
			36	year 1793	\$ C
			48	year 1792	. . . 1.94

Here follows the names Entered on the same Effete-
mate and the date affixt to their names

The following persons is to be allowed for the year
1797 as Baptists

Jacob Mcintire for the year 1797

Daniel Macintire for y^e year 1797

John Pratt for D^o 1797

Elias Mcintire for D^o 1797

Ephraim Smith Methodist 1796

Benja^a Smith for 1797

Barnard Bawldin 1796

Doc^t Marshall for 1797

Reuben Smith 1796

Samuel Cafwell 1795

Warren Chafe 1797

Joshua Whitney 1797

March 5th 1798

Israel Turner	} Committee
William Brown	
Paul Wetherbee	

Here follows a copy for a rec^d for the Methodist &
Baptist to give the Treafurer

Fitchburg March 1798

Rec^d of Ebn^t Thurston Town Treafurer the Sum of
— being in full for all the money paid by — for Min-
isterial taxes up to and including the Minefter tax made
for the year 1797 agreeable to a Demand made by me

upon the Town of Fitchburg baring date February 5th 1798.

We the Subscribers agree that the above, shall be the form of the recpt that the Town Treafurer shall take from the Baptist & Methodist

Israel Turner p^r order
Stephen Gibson
David Macintire
Abraham Willard.

[82] Worcester: fs: To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County . . . Greeting
(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corfe of Law to notify and Warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified as the Conftitution directs to vote for a Representative to meet and affemble at the old meeting houfe on munday the second day of April next at three oClock in the afternoon and when meet to give in their Votes for the following refpective offices (viz)

For a Governor, Lieu^t Governor, and Senators agreeable to the Conftitution and Laws of this Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Sixteenth day of March A. D. 1798

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Worcefter: fs: Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town Qualifed as theirin exprefed to meet at the time and place and for the purpofes theirin mentioned.

David Hodgkins Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on the first munday in April 1798 being the 2nd day of the month for the purpofe of chufing A. Governor, Leu^t Governor Senators & Counfellors.

The meeting being opened

1st The votes called for a Governor

His Excelency Increse Sumner had 4

His Honor Moses Gill had 1

The Honorable James Sullivan had . . 43

2^{ly} Votes called for Leut Governor —

His Honour Moses Gill had 43

3^{ly} Votes Called for Senators —

The Honorable Salem Town had 45

The Honorable Benj^a Reed had 45

The Honorable Elijah Brigham had 33

Joseph Fox Esq^r had . . 33

The Honorable Ezekiel Taft had . . 45

Pliny Mirick Esq^r had . . 12

Martin Kinsley had . . 12

John Thurston Jur ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.	

[83] Worcester: fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you forth with by Vir-
 (Seal) ble notice to notify and warn all the freeholders
 and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by
 Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at
 the old meeting House on munday the second day of April
 next at five oClock P. M. and when meet to give in their
 votes for and against a Devision of the County agreeable
 to a late resolve of the General Court

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
 your doings theiron to sum one one of us on or before
 said time above mentioned, Given under our hands &
 seals at Fitchburg this twenty ninth day of March A. D.
 1798.

John Thurston Jur ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Worcester: fs: Perfuant to the within warrant I have
 notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town Qual-

lified as theirin exprest to meet at the time and place
and for the purpose theirin mentioned.

David Hodgkins Conftable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg affembled on munday y^e 2nd Day of April 1798,
for the purpose of giving in their votes upon the expedi-
ency of deviding the County into two Separate and
definet Counties

The whole number of votes was 77
for a Devifion . . . 77
against it none —

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
Seth Phillips }

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: fs: To either of the Conftables of the Town
of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachufetts to require you in due corse of

Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified as the Confi-
tution directs to vote for a Representative to meet and
affemble at the old meeting houfe on munday the Seventh
Day of May next at two OClock P. M. and when meet to
act on the following article. (viz).

1^{ly} To see if the Town will elect or depute Some meet
person to represent them in the Great and General Court
of this Commonwealth the year infuing

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said
day and time above mentioned Given under our hands
and Seals at Fitchburg this twentieth Day of April A: D:
1798

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

[84] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Fitchburg affembled on Munday y^e 7th day of
May 1798

The meeting opened by the Selectmen, & a vote called for the choice of a representative,

Voted & chose Joseph Fox to Represent the Town of Fitchburg at the Great and General Court the year ensuing.

John Thurston Junr }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: ss: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) There are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due Course of

Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at the old meeting house on munday the Seventh Day of May next at three OClock P: M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

first To choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^y To see if the Town will chose a Committee to Recon with the Town treasurer

3^y To see what method the Town will take to repair the Great Bridge near Cap^t Browns Mills and act any thing thereon as they Shall think proper.

4^y To see if the Town will grant any bounty upon Crows or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

5^y To see if the Town will except of any roads that are Laid out by the Selectmen or their order

6^y To see if the Inhabitants of said Town will Shew their minds respecting Merchants Vessells traiding to Sea Arming for defence or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned

Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this twentyeth Day of April A. D. 1798.

John Thurston Junr }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on Munday y^e 7th May 1798 . . .

1^{ly} Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator.

2^{ly} Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Settle with the Treadurer and make their report to the Town at sum futer meeting

3rd Voted to Chooße a committee to let out the repairs that is wanted at the Bridge by Cap^t W^m Browns mills and the Committee to inspect the work after it is done and report to the Town the Expence at sum futer meeting

4^{ly} Voted that the Committee consist of three . .

5^{ly} Voted & chose Cap^t W^m Brown M^r Afa Perry & M^r Jonathan Low Ju^r a committee for the above purpose

[85] 6^{ly} Voted that the Town pay a bounty on Crows for all that shall be killed in the Limits of Fitchburg for the present year

7^{ly} Voted that the Bounty shall be One shilling p^r head for all Crows that shall be killed in the limits of the Town this present year

8 Voted that all those persons that shall kill Crows in the limits of this Town shall present them to the Treadurer for payment of the bounty, & that the treadurer be directed to pay the bounty, the treadurer to keep an account for allowance

9 Voted to pass over the fifth Article in the Warrant for the present respecting Roads

10 A vote being called to know the minds of the Town respecting Arming Merchants vessells trading to Sea, And it pass^d Unanimus against Arming

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Maffachusetts to require you in due Corfe of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law
to vote in Town meeting to meet and affemble at the old

meeting house on thursday the twenty first day of this Instant June at One oClock: P: M: and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

first To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse an Agent or Agents to defend the matter against the Town of Gardner respecting the Support of Oliver Upton or otherwise to receive and Support the said Oliver or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will accept of the report of the Committee chosen to New district the Town for the purpose of Schools

4^{ly} To see if the Town will purchase the Schoolhouses that are now standing, and Likewise make any provision for building any new School houses or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

5^{ly} To see if the Town will except of the report of the Committee chosen to let out and inspect the building of a pound.

6^{ly} To see if the Town will provide hafps for the Lower windows in the New meeting house

7^{ly} To see if the Town will dispose of the old meeting house on any terms or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

8^{ly} To see if the Town will except of any road that is laid out by the Selectmen or their order or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned, Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this sixth day of June A. D. 1798.

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled June 21st 1798 the meeting being opened. Chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

2^{ly} Voted to chuse an agent or agents to defend the cause against the Town of Gardner or settle with them.

3^y Voted to chuse three agents for the above purpose

4^y Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee John Thurston
& Seth Phillips agents for the above befinels

5^y Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to defrict the Town for the purpose of schools which report is as follows (viz)

The Committee chose for the purpose of defricting the Town have attended that befinels & beg leave to report.

Ward N^o 2 Begining at Joshua Pierce^s thence to Capt^t Jonathan Woods, Battles near Leominster line, Joseph Battles at the foot of Menoufneck, thence to Mr John Paysons all the Inhabitants within these lines are confidered as belonging to ward N^o 2 the school house to be built on a Nole near Hawes^s a heap of Stones on a rock for one of the Corners.

[86] Ward N^o 3

Begining at Mr John Farwells thence to Zacheus Farwells, Manfield Sterns^s Afa Boutell, Kendol Boutell, Joseph Simonds, all the Inhabitants within these lines to be considered as belonging to Ward N^o 3 the school house to be where it now stands

Ward N^o 4th

Begining at the Widow Wilders thence to Sawins, Fisks, Joseph Downs & Osgoods all the Inhabitants within these lines are to be confidered as belonging to Ward N^o 4 the school house to stand where the Frame now stands

Ward N^o 5

Begining at W^m Smalls thence to David Pratts, Abel Bawldin, Samuel Harrifs, Nehemiah Fuller, Afa Farwell, all the Inhabitants within these lines are considered as belonging to Ward N^o 5 the school house to remain where it now stands

Ward N^o 6

Begining at Thomas Eatons thence to Josiah Harrifs, Capt^t Burbank Tho^s Cowdin, Joseph Fenno, Benja^a Hartwell & Luke Sawyer all the Inhabitants within these lines are confidered as belonging to Ward N^o 6 the school House to be built about thirty rods West of Mr Seth

Phillips the north side of the road in s^d Phillips^s mowing land where a heap of Stones is Laid for one of the Corners Ward N^o 7

Begining at Elijah Carters thence to James Cowdins, Reuben Smith Jonathan Boynton, W^m Riders, Amos Sheldon and all the Inhabitants on the road leading from said Sheldons to Daniel Putnams are Considered as belonging to Ward N^o 7 the school Houfe to remain where it now Stands

Ward N^o 8

Begining at Benj^a Flints thence on the road to David Macintires Samuel Gibson, W^m Kindoll, Phinchas Brown, all the Inhabitants within these lines are considered as belonging to Ward N^o 8, the school Houfe to be built in the Corner of M^r Jacob Uptons Pasture near the Burying ground, their is a heap of Stones laid on an Oak Stump for one of the Corners

Ward N^o 9

Begining at John Scots, Ephraim Hartwell, Nathan Badeock, George Wood John Pratt, Daniel Willard, Jonathan Darby, Abraham Bennet Cap^t Tho^s Thurston, Stephen Thurston, all the Inhabitants within these lines to be considered as belonging to Ward N^o 9 the school Houfe to remain where it now stands

Ward N^o 10

Begining at Samuel Berrys thence to Timothy Batchelors, Eph^r Gibson Reuben Gibson Ju^r Solomon Gibson, Jacob Gibson & Daniel Holt all the Inhabitants within these lines are considered as belonging towards N^o 10 the school houfe to remain where it now Stands

[87] Ward N^o 11

Begining at James Parkhurst thence to Edward Scotts, David Whitmore, John Putnam Abraham Maces, Deacon Thurstons M^r Chase Eliphelet Parley all the Inhabitants within these lines are considered as belonging to Ward N^o 11 the school houfe to stand a few rods North of the old school Houfe a heap of Stones being placed for one Corner.

Fitchburg June 21st 1798 W^m Brown } Committee.
Edward Durant }

6^y Voted to chuse a committee to Estemate the big-
nefs of the Schoolhoufes — The manner how to be finished
& the Sum Necessary

7^y Voted to chuse Seven for said Committee

8. Voted and chofe Paul Wetherbee, Joseph Downe
Benja^a Marshall, Reuben Smith, Amos Putnum, Will^m
Brown & Daniel Putnum,

9 Voted to pafs over this article for the present . .

10 Voted to accept the report of the Committee cho-
fen to let out and inspect the building the pound — which
report is as follows, viz)

The Committee chofen to let out the building the
Pound report as follows the pound is now finished agreea-
ble to order for the sum of \$33.50^{Cents} Bid of by M^r
Thomas Cowdin

William Brown } Committee
Samuel Gibson }

11th Voted to provide Hafps for the New meeting
houfe windows.

12 Voted that M^r Aaron Eaton procure the hafps in
the cheapest manner he can

Voted to Sell the Old meeting houfe at publick vendue
to the highest bidder one half to be paid in One year and
the other half in two years on Interest with good Secu-
rity

Voted that Pew holders have the liberty to take out
their pews if they please before the time of Vendue . .

Voted to chuse a Committee of three to Sell the houfe
agreeable to the Vote of the Town

Voted that M^r Afa Perry Israel Turner Esq^r & M^r
Jacob Upton be of that Committee

Voted to pafs over the Eighth Article in the Warrant.

Voted to take up the third Article in the warrant
again

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chofen
to estimate the bignefs of the school houfes the manner
how they shall be finished &c — which report is as fol-
lows —

The Committee chosen for the purpose of Estimating
the bignefs of the School houfes and the Manner of finish-

ing them & the sums Necessary to raise for that purpose beg lieve to report That said Houfes be 24 feet long & 20 feet wide & finished with Gallery Seets & lathed & Plastered overhead, be glased with six Windows 12 Squars of 7 by 9 Glafs in each window

and to be finished out side and in all, except Clabording and that A Committee be chofen by the Town to let out the building said houfes to the lowest bider, The undertaker to give bonds with Sufficient Sureties for the faithfull performance of his Service, and after the Expence is known for building those houfes that are wanting in the deftrict where no houfes are, that those houfes that are built in the Several deftricts shall then be prised in propotion to the Expence which it shall appear the New houfes Cost. Alfo that those houfes that are not finished so far as this report provides, shall be finished so far at the Towns Expence in order that they all may be uniform, further that the Committee for the purpose of Leting out said building shall let them out before the last Day of August next to be finished on or before the first day of December and thofe already built prised and when the Expence for building said Houfes is known which shall be before the first day of Sep^r next, in the month of Sep^r next a fufficient Sum be raised to be affeed on the Inhabitants for to pay the undertaker or undertakers

Paul Wetherbee } p^r order
of the Committee

N. B. it is ment that the proprietors of the Several school houfes which are already built shall be refunded the sum or sums they shall be appraised at.

[88] Voted that the Centre Deftrict be established as reported by the former Committee

Voted to chufe a Committee to let out the building the School houfes and inspect the building of said houfes.

Voted to Chufe Three for said Committee

Voted that Cap^t W^m Brown, Cap^t Turner & M^r Afa Perry be of that Committee

Voted that the undertaker or undertakers of building the Schoolhoufes receive their pay in Six months after they are compleated.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Israel Turner Moderator

Peter Snow Town Clerk pro. Tem,

Recorded by Joseph Fox, Town Clerk.

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town
of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth

(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of

Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by
Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at
the New meeting house on Munday the Seventeenth Day
of this Instant September at two OClock P. M. and when
meet to act on the following articles

First To Chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To see if the Town will indemnify Mr Benja^r Ful-
ler the purchaser of the old meeting house from any prof-
fes that may be brought against him by the heirs of
Tho^s. Cowdin Esq^r Late of Fitchburg in Consequence of
his removing said house and likewise to take any vote
respecting the old meeting house that they may see fit.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to
prife the School houses that are now standing or act any
thing theiron as they shall think proper.

4^{ly} To see what sum or Sums of money the Town
will raife to build school houses or act any thing theiron
as they shall think proper

5^{ly} To see if the Town will make any alteration in
any of the school Distriets or act any thing theiron as
they shall think proper.

6^{ly} To see if the Town will make any provision for
building any Bridges that shall be thought Nefesary and
act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . .

7^{ly} To see if the Town will except of a report of any
Committee that has heretofore ben chofen to do Service
for said Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said

day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this third Day of Sept^r in the year of our Lord AD. 1798.

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified as theirin exprefs^d to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Harris Ju^r Conftable

[89] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 17th of September 1798, The meeting being oppened by the Selectmen, The Town Clerk being absent Voted and Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk Pro Tem.

1st Voted and Chose Paul Wetherbee Moderator . .

2nd Voted to Chuse a Committee to treat with the Pew holders

Voted to give up M^r Fullers obligation for the Old meeting house and give him three dollars for his trouble.

Voted to chuse three for the above mentioned Committee

Voted & chofe Dⁿ Boutell Dⁿ Putnam.

Voted to pafs over this Article so far as respects chusing a Committee to settle with the Pew holders . . .

3^{ly} Voted to chuse a Committee to apprise the old school houses

Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to apprise the old school houses & make report at the adjournment . .

4^{ly} Voted to pafs over the forth article till the adjournment (respecting raising money)

5 Voted to pafs over this article till the adjournment.

6 Voted to chuse a Committee of three to view three difirent Bridges Singley and report at the adjournment.

Voted that M^r Abijah Goodridge view the Bridge near Maj^r Goodridges

Voted that Daniel Putnum view the bridge near the Widow Lincolns

Voted that Dⁿ Boutell view the bridge near Mr Gide-
ons Shop

7^{ly} Voted to accept the report of the Committee cho-
fen to repair the Great Bridge

Voted to Accep^t the report of a Committee to Settle
with the Town Treafurer which is as follows (viz)

Fitchburg May 24th 1798, We the Subscribers this day
reckned and Setled with Ebn^t Thurston Town Treafurer
agreable to a vote of the Town and we find Due in the
Collectors hands and others as follows,

We find due in the hands of David M^cintire

Collector for the year 1796 \$242..15..4

We alfo find due in the hands of David M^cin-

tire Collector for the year 1797 585..69..4

We alfo find in the hands of Daniel Wetherbee

Collector for the year 1797 582..89..0

We alfo find in the hands of the Treafurer the
following notes the property of the Town
(viz)

One note signd by Edward Scott Dated Febr^y

7th 1794 for 4..60..0

One note signd by David Gibson dated April

5th 1790 for 2..02..0

One note signd by Benj^a Kemp Dated March

22nd 1790 for 2..44..0

One note signd by Peter Snow dated Nov^r 21st

1796. for 45..37..0

One note signd by Cap^t Will^m Brown dated

Nov^r 21st 1796 for 13..31..0

One note signd by Ditto D^o D^o dated

the same date 3..44..0

One note signd by Nehemiah Fuller dated Nov^r

21st 1796 Due on s^d note 22..69..0

One note signd by Jacob Jaquith dated Nov^r

21st 1796 for 17..50..0

One note signd by Jonas Marshall Ju^r dated

Nov^r 21st 1796 for 32..06..0

One note signd by Jacob Burnap dated Nov^r

21st 1796 . . . for 18..75..0

One note signd by Abial Holt & Elias Meflinger dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	16..12..0
One note signd by Daniel. M. Stearns & Kendoll Boutell dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	15..38..0
One note signd by Ezra Ritter Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	12..75..0
One note signd by Paul Wetherbee dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 due on s ^d note	40..72..0
One note signd by Simeon Farwell Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	15..75..0
One note signd by Daniel Wetherbee dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 for	38..16..0
One note signd by Jacob Upton dated Jan ^y 8 th 1798 for	29..62..0
One note signd by Afaph Goodridge dated Oct ^r 21 st 1797. for	55..16..0
One note signd by John Goodridge dated Oct ^r 1 st 1797. for	22..21..0
One note signd by Phinehas Allen Dated Oct ^r 2 nd 1797 . . for	10..42..0

We have aded the Interest to all the above note that have Indorsments upon them, but those that have no Indorsments we have set down only the Prinfbale part of the note.

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Ebenezer Thurston Town treafurer

[90] The following is an account of What Debts the Town owes (viz)

One note given to Mr Afa Perry dated May 1 st 1797 for	\$200..00..0
One note given to Mr Ebnezer Thurston dated August 25 th 1797	162..45..0
One note given to Mr Seth Phillips dated Oct ^r 4 th 1797	20..71..0
One note given to Peter Town dated January 18 th 1797	500..00..0
One note given to Reuben Smith Jun ^r dated De- cember 18 th 1797	56..17..0

One note given to Jonathan Smith dated March 12 th 1798	71..75..0
One note given to Cap ^t William Brown dated Febr ^y 12 th 1798	340..83..0
One note given to The Rev ^d Samuel Worcester dated Sep ^t 27 th 1797	
Due on s ^d note	233..13..0
Rev ^d M ^r Worcester's Sallery for the present year	333..33..0

Voted to adjourn This meeting to the Second monday in October at two of the Clock P. M.

On the 8th day of Oct^r being the second munday of said month the Town meet according to adjournment. The meeting opened & proceeded to business

Voted to chuse a Committee to treat with M^{rs} Cowdin respecting making a Settlement with her with regard to the old meeting house

Voted that the Committee that shall be chosen for the above purpose notify the Pew holders to attend with the Committee when they shall meet to make a Settlement with M^{rs} Cowdin

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose Maj^r John Goodridge Israel Turner Esq^r & M^r Afa Perry be a committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Committee make their report to the Town at next Town meeting

Voted that two more be added to the above Committee

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Downe & M^r Seth Phillips for the above purpose

Voted to Accept the report of the Committee to prize the School houses which sums is carried out in their report and is as follows—(viz)

The school house nigh M ^r Daniel Wetherbees	
ought to be Estimated at	\$92..00..0
The school house nigh M ^r Simeon Farwells Estimated at	93..00..0
The school house nigh M ^r Amos Lawrences Estimated at	90..00..0

The school house nigh Mr Abraham Farwells	
Estimated at	80..00..0
The school house near Mr Elijah Carters	
Estimated at	80..00..0
The school house Frame near Mr Daniel Har-	
riffs Estimated at	6..00..0
John Thurston Junr	} Committee
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

Voted to raise One thousand & Eighty dollars for the purpose of building Six new school houses & for five old ones already built together with Six Stoves for the Six new Houses

Voted to chuse a Committee to provide the six Stoves & funnels for the Stoves for the six new school houses

Voted that One of the Selectmen be the Committee

Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee for the above purpose

Voted to comply with the request of Mr John Payson and Mr Moses Hale with regard to being annexed to the middle District for to be accommodated for a school,

Voted that Mr Timothy Garfield be added to the middle district for to be accommodated for schooling

Voted to chuse a Committeeman for District No 4

Voted & chose Mr Joseph Downe the Committeeman

[91] Voted to chuse One Man as a Committee to repair or build a New the Bridge nigh the Widow Lincolns, the Committeeman to let it out at Vendue to the lowest bidder to be complected by the first of August next and the Committeeman to inspect the work after done . . .

Voted and chose Liu^t Edward Durant a Committeeman for the above purpose.

Voted to chuse a Committeeman to let out the repair of the Bridge nigh Maj^t Goodridge^s at Vendue to the lowest bidder, to be done within One weak, and the Committeeman to inspect the work after done

Voted and chose Mr Abijah Goodridge a Committeeman for the above purpose

Voted to cover the Bridge with Plank and put in New String peaces if needed Nigh Gedions

Voted to chuse a Committeeman to let out the covering of the above Bridge as proposed to be mended . . .

Voted and chose M^r Daniel Wetherbee a committeeman for the above purpose

Voted to chuse a Committeeman to let out to repairs the Bridge nigh Joseph Fox^s Potash at Vendue to the lowest bidder, the Bridge to have Stone butments and Stone covering the Committeeman to inspect the work and see its done according to agreement, the work to be completed the fore part of Summer

Voted and chose Joseph Fox Committeeman for the above purpose

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first munday of Nov^r next at two oClock afternoon

On Munday the 5th day of Nov^r the Town meet according to adjornment the meeting being opened they proceeded to befiness. The Town Clerk being absnt, Chose Peter Snow Town Clerk Protempore

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to treat with M^{rs} Cowdin which is that M^{rs} Cowdin have one third of the old meeting house & the underpining She relinquishing all other right & title,

Voted that the Pewholders receive One other third of the old meeting house

Voted to chuse a committee to Sell the old meeting house

Voted that the Committee confist of five, without pay

Voted that M^r Afa Perry Cap^t William Brown, Israel Turner Esq^r Cap^t Benj^a Marshall & Deacon Kindoll Boutell be of the said Committee

Voted that the Committee Sell the house to the best advantage of the Town and all others concerned . . .

Voted to give the Proprietors of the Frame for a school house near Wards Mill six dollars in addition to the other six dollars which was voted at a previous meeting

Voted that the place for seting the school house Near M^r Wares^s be moved to the other side of the road a little West of Hawes^s Shop

Voted to take Leefes of the Land on which the school houses Stand.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for that purpose

Voted to Set of George Wood from the Deftrict he formerly belonged too to the Deftrict near M^r Uptons

Voted to Defolve the meeting.

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Peter Snow Clerk Protempore

a true copy from the minutes,

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in s^d County, Greeting,

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
(Seal) warn the male inhabitants of said Town being
twenty one years of age and having a freehold Estate within the Deftrict of the Annual income of three pounds, or an Estate to the Value of Sixty pounds to meet at the New meeting house on Munday the fifth Day of Nov^r next at One oClock. P. M. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Federal representative agreeable to an act of the Commonwealth. Given under our hands & Seals at said Fitchburg this nineteenth Day of Oct^r AD. 1798 Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before s^d Day and time above mentioned.

John Thurston Ju^r }
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen
Seth Phillips }

Worcester fs Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as theirin expressed to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

David Hodgkins Constable

Fitchburg Oct^r 27th 1798.

[92] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 5th day of Nov^r 1798 for the purpose of chusing a Representative for the Second middle Deftrict of the Commonwealth of Massa-

chufetts to represent us in the Congress of the United States The Town being assembled and the Votes called for and brought in Counted and Sorted and Declaration made of the Persons voted for and was as follows (viz)

	Votes
For the Hon ^l . Joseph B. Vernam	52
For the Hon ^l . Timothy Bigelow	14
For the Hon ^l . Elbridge Gerry	1
John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

A true copy from the minutes

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. to Either of the Constable of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachussetts you are required to notify and warn By verbal warning all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified By Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the New meeting house this fifth day of Nov^r at four oClock in the afternoon and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

first To chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2^{ly} To see if the Town will make any repairs on the South County Road and to grant money for that purpose, and to act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Sum one of us at the time and place above mentioned.

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of Nov^r AD. 1798.

Paul Wetherbee	} Selectmen
John Thurston Jun ^r	
Seth Phillips	

Worcester. fs. Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg as the Law directs to meet at the New meeting house and for the purposes within mentioned

David Hodgskins Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled on Munday the fifth day of Nov^r 1798.

The meeting being opened

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator.

Voted that M^r Downe Joseph the Highway Surveyor go on and repair the County road in his Distric^t & bring in his Acct

Voted that Daniel Wetherbee go on and repair the South County road and bring in his account

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Peter Snow Clerk Pro. Tempore.

[93] Westminster September 3^d 1798

We the Subscribers Selectmen & overseers of the poor of the Town of Garder & Selectmen & overseers of the poor of the Town of Fitchburg, do come into the following agreement on the Support of Oliver Upton Nedy Person (viz) We the Selectmen & overseers of the poor of the Town of Fitchburg do agree to take the said Oliver, And Support and Cloath him from now untill the first of September in the year 1803 And if the said Oliver should not live the above said Term of five years, The said Town of Fitchburg to pay back to the Town of Gardner the Sum of Twenty Eight Dollars & fifty Cents And after the expiration of the above said Term of five years & then the above said Towns of Gardner & Fitchburg to be at equal charges for the Support of said Oliver & his family while they remain ours to Support, and we do further agree that after the expiration of the above said Term of five years for the Town of Fitchburg to keep the said Oliver one year, and then the said Town of Fitchburg to return him back to gardner & they to keep him one year, and then exchange him from the above said Towns yearly so long as the said Oliver shall be charable, and each Town to have the right of keeping him their year as cheap as they can as witnefs our hands,

Eliha Jackson	} Selectmen of Gardner	John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Reuben Haynes		Paul Wetherbee	
Aaron Wood		Seth Phillips	
Ebenezer How			

A true copy from the Original as presented me to
record by the Selectmen
attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg Nov^r 26th 1798.

This may certify that we the Subscribers Affeßors of
the Town of Fitchburg have appointed David Hodgkins
a collector to compleat the collection that was delivered
to David McIntire late of Fitchburg deced^d to collect for
the years 1796 & 97 for which he is to receive thirty eight
shillings on the hundred pound which he shall collect

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Affeßors
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

A true copy from the minutes delivered me by the
Affeßors.
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg January 3rd 1799. Agreeable to a vote of
the Town we the Subscribers met and made a Devision of
the school money as follows (viz)

Mr Edward Durants Distriet	N ^o 1	. . . . .	\$47..46..0
Afa Perry for Distriet	N ^o 2	. . . . .	29..67..0
Zacheus Farwell	N ^o 3	. . . . .	31..82..0
Joseph Downe	N ^o 4	. . . . .	23..73..0
Jacob Osborn	N ^o 5	. . . . .	17..26..0
Thomas Cowdin	N ^o 6	. . . . .	26..97..0
Elijah Carter	N ^o 7	. . . . .	25..35..0
Joseph Polley	N ^o 8	. . . . .	29..13..0
Benj ^a Herrick	N ^o 9	37..22..0
Jeremiah Kinfman	N ^o 10	42..61..0
Amos Lawrence	N ^o 11	22..11..0

Sum total	\$333..33..0
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John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee	
Seth Phillips	

[94] Worcester: fs, To Either of the Constables of
the Town of Fitchburg within the County of Worcester
. Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of
 (Seal) Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and
 other inhabitants of said Town quallified by Law
 to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the
 meeting house on Munday the forth day of March next at
 Nine OClock in the morning and when meet to act on the
 following articles (viz)

first To chuse a Moderation to govern said meeting.

2nd To chuse a Town Clerk, Town Treafurer, Select-
 men, and other Town officers as the Law directs and act
 any thing in regard to chusing Collecttors as they shall
 think propper

3^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town
 will raise to repair the highways and bridges the year
 ensuing and act any thing thereon as they shall think
 proper

4^{ly} To see what sum of money the Town will raise
 to Support the Reve^d Mr Worcester the year Ensuing . .

5^{ly} To see what sum of money the Town will raise
 to support the school the year Ensuing

6^{ly} To see what sum or Sums of money the Town
 will raise to pay the Towns Debts and Necessary charges
 or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

7^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a Saxton to take
 care of the meeting house or act any thing thereon as
 they shall think propper

8^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to sup-
 port there poor the year Ensuing and act any thing there-
 on as they shall think proper

9^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a committee to Set-
 tle with the Town Treafurer

10^{ly} To see if the Town will abate the tax that was
 Laid on Doggs in the year 1798 or act any thing thereon
 as they shall think proper

11^{ly} The see if the Town will alter the intermition
 on Sundays from what was Useal or act any any thing
 thereon as they shall think propper agreeable to a request
 of a number of the inhabitants

12^{ly} To see if the Town chuse a committee to exam-

ine the schools of said Town or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

13^{ly} To see if the Town will take into confideration the road between M^r Abraham Willards & M^r Elijah Car- ters which is said to be incumbered and Staitned and act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

14^{ly} To see if the Town will affist M^r Eph^r Kimboll towards building a bridge acrost the river near Farwells Blackfmiths shop, or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

15^{ly} To see if the Town will make any alteration in the line of Land the Town bought of M^r Boynton or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper.

16^{ly} To see if the Town will except of any road that is or may be laid out by the Selectmen or their order . .

17^{ly} To see if the Town will provide Locks & Keys, Window Shetters, Tables, and chairs for the school houfes or act any thing their on as they shall think propper.

18^{ly} To see if the Town will Vote the Swine to run at Large under the regulation of the Law

19^{ly} To see if the Town will abate M^r Benj^a Dan- forths taxes for the year 1796 & 97

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned given under our hand and Seals at Fitchburg this thirteenth day of Febr^y AD. 1799.

John Thurston Ju ^r	}	Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee		
Seth Phillips		

Fitchburg Febr^y 28th 1799 Worcester: fs: perfuant to the within warrant I have duly notified and warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to Vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned
David Hodgskins, Constable

[95] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the forth day of March AD 1799

1st Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator

. Moderator
Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk

Voted & chose Ebn^r Thurston Town Treadurer
. Town Treadurer

Voted to chuse Three Selectmen for The present year.

Voted & chose Reuben Smith
Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r } . . . Selectmen
Voted & chose Amos Ordway }

Voted that the Selectmen be Affessors the present year
. Affessors

Voted to let out the Collectorship as it was the last year (viz) to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound, the lowest bidder to git two bondfimen to the acceptance of the Town

Voted to chuse Ten as a committee to let out the Collectorship at Vendue, to make their report at the adjournment

Voted and chose John Thurston Ju^r Paul Wetherbee, Seth Phillips, Afa Perry Joseph Fox, Benj^a Marshall, Israel Turner Esq^r Jacob Upton, Moses Hale Joseph Polly . .

Voted to chuse the same number of highway Surveyors as last year

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge, Amos Parce, Jacob Osborn Daniel Holt, William Kindol, Samuel Phelps, Joseph Fox Abraham Willard, Jonathan Low Jun^r David Macintire Benj^a Herrick Edward Durant Ephraim Osborn, John R. Kemp & Tho^s Cowdin to be highway Surveyors the year Enfuing Highway Surveyors

Voted & chose John Scott, Joseph Downe Jun^r Peter Haskell Samuel Harribs Ju^r Elitha Carter to be hogreaves for y^e year Enfuing Hogreaves

Voted & chose Jacob Gibson & Thomas Hilton firewards Firewards

Voted & chose Jacob Stickney & William Small Surveyors of Lumber the year Enfuing . Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose Elijah Macintire, Amos Parce, & Daniel Harribs Fence viewers the year Enfuing. . Fence viewers

Voted & chose Amos Putnam & Ezra Ritter to be field drivers the year enfuing Field drivers

Voted & chose David Parce Sealer of Weights & Measures the year Ensuing . . . Sealer of Weights & measures

Voted & chose Joseph Simons & Calvin Messenger to Sealers of Leather the year Ensuing . . . Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall Jun^r Pound keeper the year Ensuing . . . Pound keeper

Voted & chose Nathaniel. F. Cunningham, Abel Bawldin & Aron Eaton to be Tythingmen the year Ensuing . . . Tythingmen

Voted & chose Joseph Downe Jun^r Surveyor of Hoops & Staves . . . Surveyor of Hoops & Staves.

[96] Voted to raise Two hundred pounds to repair the highways & Bridges the present year, to be worked out the Same as last year and to be allowed for work, tools &c as last year.

money raised to repair highways & bridges

Voted to raise One hundred pound for the Support of The Reverend M^r Worcester for One year

. . . money raised for m^r Worcesters Salery.

Voted to raise One hundred & fifty pounds for the Support of the Schools the year Ensuing

. . . money raised for Support of Schools.

Voted to lay the school money out in the Several School districts the same as was the last year . . .

Voted & chose, Joseph Fox, Eliha Chamberlin, Daniel Wetherbee Ephraim Osborn, Simeon Farwell, Seth Phillips, Daniel Putnam Jun^r Benj^a Flint, Leu^t Jon^a Page, John Thurston Jun^r & Timothy Batchelor to be School Committeemen in the Several districts to which they belong. to be under the direction of the district for which they are Chosen . . . School Committee

Voted that the school Committeemen be directed to agree with the Masters & Mistresses that are to keep the schools, that they are not to be allowed any thing for keeping schools on Satterdays in the afternoon

Voted to Pass over the sixth Article in the Warrant untill the adjournment

Voted to let out the Saxton beinefs at Vendue to the lowest bidder and report at the adjournment.

Voted to chuse Three as a Committee to let out the Saxton belinefs and report at the adjournment

Voted & chose David Pratt, Cap^t William Brown, & Daniel Wetherbee a committee for the above purpose . . .

Voted to let out the Poor to the lowest bidder at Vendue and make report at the adjournment

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted & chose Thomas Cowdin, Edward Durant Timothy Garfield Jacob Gibson & Amos Ordway to be the Committee for the above purpose

Voted to chuse a committee of three to Settle with the Town Treafurer

Voted & chose John Thurston Jun^r Reuben Smith & Israel Turner Esq^r to be the Committee to Settle with the Town Treafurer and make report at sum futer meeting.

Voted to abate that part of the tax upon the Several Persons who was taxed for their Doggs the year past.

Voted that the intermifion on Sundays between meetings be one hour for the year Ensuing

Voted to pafs over the thirteenth article in the warrant untill the adjournment

Voted to pafs over the fourteenth article in the warrant untill the adjournment

Voted that the Town provide Locks & Keys Window Shetters, Tables and chairs for the Several Schools . . .

Voted that the School Committeemen be directed to provide at the Expence of the Town, Locks & Keys, Window Shetters, Tables, and chairs for the several schools and lay their accounts before the Town for allowance

Voted that the Swine run at large under the regulation of the Law

Voted to abate Mr Benj^a Danforths taxes for the year 1796 & 1797 the whole of said Taxes excepting what he has paid towards them,

Voted to adjorn this meeting for a fortnight from this day then to meet at this place at one OClock in the afternoon.

[97] On munday the 18th March the Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened . . .

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treafurer which report is as follows

Fitchburg March 12th 1799 The Committee chose by the Town of Fitchburg to Settle with the Town Treafurer find due in Collectors hands and others as follows (viz)

We find in David Hodgskins hands for 1796	\$52..49..7
We find in David Hodgskins hands for the year 1797	146..60..3
We find in Daniel Wetherbees hands Collector for 1797	128..46..9
We find in Samuel Harrifs Ju ^{rs} hands Collector for 1798	668..22..6
& to to D ^o D ^o D ^o D ^o School house tax for 1798	573..82..8
We find in David Hodgskins Collectors hand for 1798	737..95..0
D ^o D ^o D ^o School house tax for 1798	523..70..5
One note signd Edward Scott Dated Febr ^y 7 th 1794	4..60..0
One note signd David Gibson Dated April 5 th 1790	2..02..0
One note signd Benj ^a Kemp dated March 22 nd 1790	2..44..0
One note signd Peter Snow dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	45..37..0
One note signd Cap ^t William Brown Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	13..31..0
One note signd Cap ^t William Brown Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	3..44..0
One note signd Nehemiah Fuller Dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 due on said note	23..76..0
One note signd Jacob Jaquith dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 due on said note	2..28..0
One note signd Jacob Burnap dated Nov ^r 21. 1796	18..75..0

One note signd Abial Holt & Meffenger Nov ^r 21 st 1796	16..12..0
One note signd Ezra Ritter dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Due on said note	7..45..0
One note signd Paul Wetherbee dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Due on said note	40..43..0
One note signd Simeon Farwell dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Due on said note	1..31..0
One note signd Daniel Wetherbee dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Due on s ^d note	39..05..0
One note signd Jacob Upton dated January 8 th 1798	29..62..0
One note signd Afaph Goodridge dated Oct ^r 21 st 1797	55..16..0
One note signd John Goodridge dated Oct ^r 1 st 1797 due on said note	23..36..0
One note signd Phinehas Allen Dated Oct ^r 2 nd 1797	10..42..0
One note signd Elijah Macintire dated Nov ^r 14 th 1798	9..01..0
One note signd David Mc intire & others dated Nov ^r 14 th 1798	19..00..0
Found in the Treafurers hands a number of Minester	22..38..0
We find due to the Treafurer	17..45..7
N: B those notes that have Indorsments on them the Interest is cast up to to the date hereof. the other notes we have taken account of Princable only	

Reuben Smith Israel Turner John Thurston Jun ^r	} Committee
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Ebener Thurston Treafurer

The footing of what money is Due to the Town \$3220..39

The following is an account of the princable Debts the
Town owes (viz)

One note given to M ^r Afa Perry dated may 1 st 1797 due on said note	\$106..00..0
One note given to M ^r Ebn ^r Thurston dated Aug ^t 1797	177..50..0

One note given to M ^r Seth Phillips dated Oct ^r 4 th 1797	20..71.0
One note given to M ^r Peter Town dated Jan ^y 18 th 1797	500..00.0
One note given to M ^r Jonathan Smith dated March 12 th 1798	71..75.0
One note given to Cap ^t William Brown Dated Febr ^y 12 th 1798	340..83.0
One note given to M ^r Nath ^l F. Cuningham dated December 18 th 1798	94..95.0
School money not paid for the year 1798 . .	304..00.0
M ^r Worcesters Sallery for the year 1798 not paid	333..33.0
Due for the Erection of school Houfes . . .	1000..00.0
over	
[98] brought over	
An abatement of the tax Laid on Doggs . .	\$53..00.0
Labour done on the New County road by order of the Town	22..00.0
For the Support of the Poor the year past not paid	47..00.0
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	3071..04.0
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Ballance Due to the Town	\$149..35

Voted to raise three hundred dollars to pay the Towns Debts and Necessifary charges the year infuing

Voted to chuse a committee to view the place for a Bridge to accomodate M^r Eph^r Kimboll and report at sum futer meeting the Committee to be chofen, to be at the expence of M^r Kimboll

Voted that the Committee confist of three.

Voted & chofe Cap^t William Brown M^r Ebn^r Thurston & Israel Turner Esq^r a committee for the above purpose

Voted that their be two more aded to the above committee at M^r Eph^r Kimbolles Expence

Voted & chofe M^r Phinehas Allen & M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r to be added the above committee

Voted & chofe the Selectmen a Committee to look

into and ascertain the lines of the Land the Town bought of Mr Boynton and report at May meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting one half hour then to meet at Mr David Boutell,

To the Town mett according to adjournment at Mr David Boutells and oppened the meeting

Voted & chose Mr David Hodgskins to be a Collector for the North side of the Town Sworn

Voted & Chose Mr David Hodgskins Conftable for the Town of Fitchburg Sworn

Voted to accept of Mr Afa Perry & Mr Zacheus Farwell as bondsmen for Mr David Hodgskin for the North side of the Town as collector for the year Ensuing

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first munday in April at four oClock in the afternoon then to meet at the meeting house in s^d Town

On munday the 1st day of April 1799. The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting oppened.

Voted to accept of Mr Afa Perry & Mr Seth Phillips as bondsmen for Mr Abijah Goodridge as Collector for the South side the Town

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee that was choſen to let out the Collectorship which is as follows (viz):

The committee appointed to Set up the Collectorship at Vendue to the lowest bidder Meet at Mr David Boutell on munday the forth day of March 1799 after the March meeting was adjourned, Meet for the above purpose and Set up the South side of the Town to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound, And bid of to Mr Abijah Goodridge at twenty eight shillings & Eleven pence upon the hundred pound, And then proceeded to Set up the North Side and bid of to David Hodgskins at twenty Seven shillings upon the hundred pound.

John Thurston Jun^r } p^r order of
the Committee

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was choſen to let out the Towns Poor at Vendue which is as follows (viz)

The committee appointed to set up to the lowest bidder at Vendue the Towns poor to be supported the year Enfuing p^r the weak mett at M^r David Boutells on Munday the forth day of March 1799 after the meeting was adjorned & Set up Eph^r Smith to be supported by the weak [99] And in case he should go away and do any mischief the person who bids him of to be accountable for all damage, was Bid of the Benj^a Fuller for Three shillings and Eight pence p^r weak 3/8 p^r weak

then proceeded and Set up Oliver Upton to be supported by the weak, and in case he should go away and do any mischief the person who bids him of to be accountable for all damages, was Bid of to Benj^a Fuller at four shillings & five pence p^r weak

Then proceeded and Set up Mary Wares to be Supported by the weak for one year and so in propotion according to the time he does support her and bid of to Tim^o Garfield at Six pence p^r weak.

Tho^s Cowdin } P^r order of the
Comittee

The Committee appointed to Set up at Vendue to the lowest bidder the Saxton befiness for the year Enfuing. Meet at M^r David Boutells on Munday the forth day of March 1799 after the March meeting was adjorned, And was bid of to Benj^a Allen at Eleven shillings & nine pence for the year, to keep the meeting house clean and Decent, and in the winter Season the Snow is to be cleaned of the Stones of the Doors, and the Snow shoveled away from the Doors, the Key of the meeting house is to be left at M^r Worcesters or Cap^t Browns, that the town can have it when needed,

David Pratt } P^r order of the
Comittee.

Voted and chose Abijah Goodridge Collector for South side of the Town Collector Sworn

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge Conftable for South side of the Town Conftable Sworn

Voted to chuse a committee to let out the building a Bridge nigh M^r Daniel Willards at a Vendue to the lowest bidder to be done to the acceptance of the Committee

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose M^r Phinehas Brown, Doc^t Benj^a Marshall & M^r Amos Putnam to be the Committee for the above purpose and make their report at sun futer meeting.

It was moved and Seconded, to see if the Town will reconsider their vote respecting the Intermition on Sundays so far as to have it One hour and half between meetings

The vote being put, it pass in the Negative.

Voted to Excuse Daniel Willard Serving as highway Surveyor.

Voted & chose Zachariah Sheldin highway Surveyor in the rome of Daniel Willard

Voted to Excuse Zachariah Sheldin from serving as highway Surveyor.

Voted & chose Benj^a Herrick highway Surveyor in the rome Zachariah Sheldin excused and have recored Benj^a Herrick in the place where the rest of the highway Surveyors are recorded in the Rome of Daniel Willard Excused.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the

(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and

(Seal) warn the Male inhabitants of said Town of twenty

One years of Age and upwards having a freehold

Estate within the Commonwealth of the Annual income of

Three pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty pounds,

to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Munday

the first day of April next at Two of the Clock in the

afternoon to give in their Votes for a Govenor and Lieut

Govenor and Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the

Constitution of said Commonwealth

hereof fail not and make return to sun one of us on

or before s^d day for the purpose above mentioned given
under our hands and Seals this 18th day of March AD.
1799:

Reuben Smith }
Israel Turner } Selectmen.
Amos Ordway }

[100] Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote for Governor, Lieu^t Govenor, Senators and Counfellors to meet at the time and place and for the purpofes within mentioned

Samuel Harrifs Jun^r Constable
Fitchburg April 1st 1799.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of The Town of Fitchburg asssembled on the 1st day of April 1799 being the first munday in said month, for the purpose of chufing A Govenor, Lieu^t Govenor, Senators, & Counfellors.

The meeting being opened and votes called for in order, counted and Sorted, and declaration made as follows

Govenor	
For His Exelency Inerease Sumner	16
William Heath Esq ^r	57

Lieu ^t Govenor	
For His Honour Mofes Gill	48

Senators & Counfellors	
For The Honorable Berzeliel Tafts	43
The Honorable Salem Town	45
The Honorable Thomas Hale	32
The Honorable Elijah Brigham	19
The Honorable Josiah Stearns	24
Deacon Joseph Stone	25
Col ^o Cushing	10
Joseph Fox Esq ^t	23
Cap ^t Will ^m Brown	8
Benj ^a Reed Esq ^t	3

Meeting difsolved	Reuben Smith }	Selectmen
	Israel Turner }	
	Amos Ordway }	
Joseph Fox Town Clerk		

Worcester. fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachu-
 (Seal) setts you are hereby required to notify & warn
 (Seal) the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings
 to meet and Affemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg
 the second munday in May at one oClock in the after-
 noon to act on the following articles.

first To chuse a Moderator to Govern s^d Meeting.

Second To know the Towns mind what method they
 will take to repair the Bridge in the middle of the Town
 or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

Thirdly To See if The Town will send a Member to
 Meet in convention at Joshua Wrights in Templeton on
 the second Tusday of May agreeable to request of Silas
 Cutler in behalf of Templeton & a number of the adja-
 cent Towns.

Forthly To see if the Town will give a bounty on
 Crows, or not, the present year.

Fifthly To see if the Town will accept the report of
 any Committee or Committees

Sixthly To see if the Town will accept of any roads
 layed out by the Selectmen or their order

Seventhly To see if the Town will order a Devision of
 the Securities taken for the old meeting house

Hereof fail not to make return of this warrant with
 your doings thereon at time & place above mentioned
 given under our hands & seals this 20th Day of April AD
 1799

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Amos Ordway	
	} of
	} Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
 Inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein expressed
 to meet at time and place and and for the purpose within
 mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable.

[101] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
 Town of Fitchburg assembled on the second munday of
 May 1799

1st Voted & chose Deacon Kendol Boutell Moderator.

The article respecting repairing the Bridge nigh the middle of the Town

It was motioned and Seconded to see if the Town will enlarge the South Butment & the third Butment, & to take away the Second Butment & to be built in way of highway taxes under the direction of a Committee chose by the Town for that purpose

The vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative

Voted to chuse a Committee of five

Voted & chose M^r Jeremiah Kimfman, Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Jonathan Page M^r Eph^r Kimboll & M^r Amos Lawrence a Committee for the above purpose

Voted to raise Sixty six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence to repair the bridge nigh the middle of the Town to be worked out in the way of highway taxes.

Voted to chuse a Member to meet in convention at Joshua Wrights in Templeton on the Second tuesday of May Inf^t agreeable to a request of Silas Cutler in behalf of Templeton and a number of the adjacent Towns . . .

Voted & chose Daniel Putnam Esq^r for the above purpose.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will give one shilling p^r head upon Crows for this present year for all that shall be killed within the limits of the Town of Fitchburg by any of the Inhabitants and presented to the Treafurer of said Town,

The vote being put it pass in the affirmative,

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to examine Ephraim Kimbolbs proposed place for a Bridge, which report is as follows (viz)

Your Committee chose by the Town on a request of M^r Ephraim Kimboll to examine said Kimbolbs proposed place for building a Bridge have accordingly meet for the above purpose & beg lieve to report (viz)

That it appears to your committee that M^r Kimbolbs request should be granted so far as to lend him One hundred Dollars to build himself a good bridge his paying Interest Annually & binding himself & heirs to keep the

Bridge in good repair till the Town Sees fit to make a publick Bridge of the Same

William Brown	}	Committee
Israel Turner		
Ebn ^r Thurston		
Jonas Marshall Jun ^r		
Phinehas Allen		

N. B. The place for building the Bridge must be between Kimbolls Sawmill and the Smiths Shop

Voted to chuse a Committee to view the road that is in dispute leading to Mr Abraham Willards and make Their report what is best to be done respecting said road

Voted to chuse three as a Committee.

Voted & chose Mr Tho^s Cowdin Cap^t Benja^a Marshall & Mr Joseph Polly a committee for the above purpose and report at the next town meeting,

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen by the Town respecting the exchange of Land with Mr Jonas Marshall Jun^r agreeable to his request here follows the report, (viz)

The Committee chose by the Town of Fitchburg to inquire into the exchange of Land with Jonas Marshall Jun^r according to desire & request of said Marshall have examined & viewed the premises & report (viz) That we do not think it expedient or for the Interest of said Town of Fitchburg to exchange Land in Manner & form as proposed by said Marshall

Israel Turner	}	Committee
Reuben Smith		
Amos Ordway		

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to make a Division of the Securities taken for the old meeting house . .

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Kendal Boutell Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[102] Worcester..fs.. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting
(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Maffa-
(Seal) chusetts you are hereby required to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town being
Twenty One years of age, and Resident in said Town

for the space of one year next Preceeding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of Three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on the Second Munday in May next at three of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of chusing One Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time & place above mentioned Given under our hands & seals at Fitchburg this 20th day of April AD 1799

Israel Turner } Selectmen
Reuben Smith } of
Amos Ordway } Fitchburg

Persuant to the within Warrant I have Notified the male Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as therein expressed to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned Abijah Goodridge Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 13th of May 1799.

The meeting opened by the Selectmen

A vote being put to know the minds of the Town whether they will Send a Representative to General Court to Represent them the Ensuing year

And it pass^d in The affirmative

The votes called for, counted & Sorted, and made choice of Cap^t. William Brown

Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Israel Turner }

Fitchburg 26th April 1799 Then personally appeared agreeable to Notification M^r. Ebn^t. Jones and L^t. Jonas Whitney Selectmen of Westminster and proceeded to Preamblelate and renew the bounds between Westminster and Fitchburg agreeable to Law

Ebn^t. Jones } Selectmen
Jonas Whitney } of Westminster
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Amos Ordway } of Fitchburg

A true copy from the returns made by Reuben Smith
one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg

attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg 29th April 1799 Then personally appeared
agreedable To Notification Reuben Smith and Amos Ordway
Selectmen of Fitchburg and proceeded to preambulate and
renew the bounds between Ashburnham and Fitchburg
agreedable to Law

Elitha White	} Selectmen of Fitchburg & Ashburnham
Sherebiah Hunt	
Reuben Smith	
Amos Ordway	

A true copy from the returns made by Reuben Smith
one of the Selectmen of Fitchburg

attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[103] Worcester Is To either of the Constables of the
Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the Name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Town
meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting house in
said Town on Wednesday the fourth of Sept^r next at one
of the Clock in the afternoon, being duly meet and formed
to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2nd To see if the Town will abate any Poole Tax, or
exempt any from Ministerial taxes in future or act any thing
thereon as they shall think proper

3rd To see if the Town will Comply with Ruth
Smith's request the wife of Ephraim Smith or act any
thing thereon as they shall think proper

4th To see if the Town will take any method to ascer-
tain the limits of their Land according to their Title . .

5th To See if the Town will pay Mr Steward for a
Clock he has put into the meeting house in full or in part.

6th To See if the Town will accept of the report of
any Committee or Committees

7th To see what method the Town will take to raise Money to finish the Bridge near the middle of the Town or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day given under our hands & seals this nineteenth day of August AD. 1799.

Reuben Smith }
Israel Turner } Selectmen
Amos Ordway }

Worcester, fs. Sept^r 2nd 1799 pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the free holders and other Inhabitants to meet at time & place & for the purpose within mentioned David Hodgkin Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Wednesday the 4th day of Sept^r 1799.

1st Voted and chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

2nd Voted that the Assessors have the Power to abate Poole taxes in whole or in part according to the Circumstances that shall be represented to them by the persons applying for abatement as they shall think Just and reasonable.

3rd Voted Voted to pass over the article in the Warrant respecting Exempting any person or persons paying Minister taxes.

4th Voted to reconsider the last vote.

5th Voted to leave to the Assessors, The propriety of abating those persons, ministers tax who have requested it at this meeting, and those Certificates the Assessors think are Sufficient to exempt them, shall be exempt . .

6th Voted that it is the minds of the Town that they have the whole of the Towns Lands Surveyed and New bounds erected, or renewed,

7th Voted that Mr Tho^s Cowdin be the Surveyor to Affertain the bounds of the Towns land, and renew them.

8th Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to View the road that is in dispute leading to Mr Abraham Willards, which report is as follows viz.

We the Subscribers being a committee chosen by the Town for the purpose of Viewing the road leading to Mr Abraham Willards beg leve to report — that it is our opinion that the road in dispute ought to be opened

Thos^s Cowdin } Committee
Benj^a Marshall }

[104] 9^{ly} Voted to finish the bridge nigh the middle of the Town in the Same way as it was begun (viz) for the Surveyors to take on their deftricts to work as the Committee shall order.

10^{ly} Voted to raife the same sum as was raised at first, in order to finish the bridge and the Surveyors to go on as before, and if the whole should not be wanted to finish the bridge, what is not wanted is to be laid out upon such deftricts as the Committee appointed of over See the work done on the bridge shall order

11^{ly} Voted to pay M^r Daniel Steward sumthing for the Clock he has put up in the meeting house

12^{ly} Voted to reconsider the last vote respecting paying M^r Steward any thing for the Clock

13^{ly} Voted to disolve this meeting

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Selectmen of Lunenbrg and Selectmen of Fitchburg preambulated the lines between the Towns Oct^r 29th 1799.

We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the line between the Town of Lunenburg and the Town of Fitchburg and renewed the bounds according to Law

Oct^r 29th 1799

Josiah Stearns } Selectmen
Josiah Hartwell } of
Ephraim Rufsell } Lunenburg
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Amos Ordway } of Fitchburg

The above Certificate rec^d of the Selectmen of Fitchburg on y^e 29th Oct^r 1799 and recorded by

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) To either of the Constables of the Town of
 (Seal) Fitchburg, Greeting You are hereby required in
 (Seal) the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 to Notify and warn the freeholders and other In-
 habitants of said Town Qualified by Law to vote in
 Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house
 on Thursday the thirty first day of this Instant Oct^r at
 two OClock afternoon to act on the following articles
 (viz).

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting.

2nd To see what method will take to repair the school
 houses near M^r Elijah Carters, or any other of the old
 School houses that wants repairing to make them equal
 to the New Ones, or act any thing respecting School
 houses that they shall think proper.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will give the Surveyor Orders
 to open the road leading from the great road to Abra-
 ham Willards, which is freightned by a fence of Benj^a
 Kemps or act any thing theiron as they shall think prop-
 per.

[105] 4^{ly} To see what method the Town will take
 to distribute to the Pewholders their propotion of the
 money arising by the Sale of the Old meeting house or
 act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . .

5^{ly} To see if the Town will accept of the report of
 any Committee that has ben chosen for Inspection of
 Bridges or roads, or act any thing theiron as they shall
 think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant to us
 the Subscribers on or before the day above said, given
 under our hands & seals this 14th day of Oct^r AD. 1799.

Reuben Smith} Selectmen
 Israel Turner } of Fitchburg

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
 Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresed to
 meet at time and place and for the purpose within men-
 tioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable

Fitchburg Oct^r 31st 1799

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday the 31st Oct^r 1799.

1st Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Voted that the school Committeeman for the 7th district be requested to repair the school house in that district so as to make it convenient for the next winter and make report to the Town at sum futer meeting the expence for allowance

Voted that all the school houses that has funnels, to have them taken down to the Chamber floor and have a brick Chimney in leu of the funnell.

Voted that each school Committeeman where their is funnells be requested to make the Alteration, agreable to the last vote & make report at sum futer meeting the expence for allowance,

Voted that Lieut Jonathan Page the school Committeeman be requested to repair the school house in his District so as to make it convenient for this winter and make report the expence at sum futer meeting for allowance.

Voted that M^r Timothy Batchelor the school Committeeman for the District to which he belongs be requested to put in one Window into the school house in that district and make report the expence at sum futer meeting for allowance

Voted to pafs over the third article in the warrant respecting M^r Abr^m Willards road

Voted that the Town treafurer be directed to collect the money Ariling from the Sale of the old meeting house from the Several purchafers, as soon as it becomes due;

Voted that the Selectmen be added as a Committee with Liu^t Durant who was first appointed to inspect & view the bridge Nigh the Widow Lincolns; Built by M^r Abijah Goodridge & M^r Amos Patee and report to the Town their oppinion whether it is built agreable to contract;

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to let out the Bridge nigh M^r Daniel Willards which is as follows.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee Chosen

by the Town on the first day of April last (viz) Phinehas Brown & Benj^a Marhall for the purpose of leting out a Bridge to be built Nigh M^r Daniel Willards which Bridge was let out to M^r Amos Putnum for twenty five dollars & the bridge is Built to the acceptance of the Committee and signd in their report made this day to the Town

25^{dollars} the price

Phinehas Brown

Benj^a Marhall

Voted to Difsolve this meeting

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[106] We the Subscribers, as the Law directes have this 4th day of Nov^r 1799 preamblelated the lines between the Town of Leominster and Fitchburg and renewed the bounds which are as follows, Begining at the Southeast corner of Fitchburg at a Whiteoak tree & runs west thirty one degrees South 610 rods to heap of Stones on Monoosnook Hill, from thence West 26 degrees South 140 rods to a white oak tree and Stones, from thence west 9 degrees North 239 rods to heap of Stones the Northwest corner of Leominster.

John Bufs } Selectmen of
Tho^s. Hale } Leominster.

Israel Turner } Selectmen
Amos Ordway } of Fitchburg

The above Certificate rec^d of the Selectmen of Fitchburg on y^e 4th day of Nov^r 1799, & recorded by . . .

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg Nov^r 15th 1799.

This day mett and preamblelated the lines between the Town of Fitchburg and Ashby as the Law directes, which is as follows, begining at the North East corner of Fitchburg at a white pine tree, runing west Eight degrees North 1339 rods to a heap of Stones, bounded by stake and stones at every hundred rods

Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Amos Ordway } of Fitchburg

Cushing Burr } Selectmen
W^m Green } of Ashby

Worcester Is: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County of Worcester . . . Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn & Notify
(Seal) the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Fitchburg
(Seal) Quallified to vote in Town meetings as the Law directs to assemble & meet at the meeting house at Fitchburg on Munday the Eighteenth day of November next at three OClock P. M. to act on the following articles viz

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will Chuse an Agent, or Agents, to answer to a Sitation from the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Worcester to Answer to an Inditement found by the Grand Jury of said County for not keeping the South New road in said Town of Fitchburg in good repair or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

[107] 3^{ly} To see if the Town will accept of the report of any committee Respecting bridges or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said Day given under our hands & Seals this 31st day of October AD 1799

Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Israel Turner } of
Amos Ordway } Fitchburg

Worcester: Is: In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned.

David Hodgskins Constable

Fitchburg Nov^r 4th 1799.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 18th day of Nov^r 1799.

1^{ly} Voted & chose Lieu^t Edward Durant Moderator

2^{ly} Voted to chuse two Agents to answer to a Cita-

tion, in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg, the Citation founded on an inditement found by the Grand Jury for the County of Worcester; to answer to the Citation at the Court of General Sessions of the peace, next to be holden at Worcester within & for the County of Worcester on munday next preceeding the first tuesday of December next

Voted & Chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r & Israel Turner Esq^r as agents they or either of them to act in behalf of the Town for the above purpose.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee respecting the accepting the Bridge built Nigh M^{rs} Lincolns tanyard (viz) the report was verbal, that the Bridge was done according to contract.

Voted to disolve this meeting

Edward Durant Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg December 26th 1799

Division of the school mony for 1799

	Deft	trict	
Daniel Wetherbee . . .	N ^o	3	\$46..27..6
Ephraim Osborn . . .	N ^o	4	34..70..6
Daniel Putnam Jun ^r . .	N ^o	7	31..62..2
Benja ^a Flint	N ^o	8	46..27..6
Timothy Batchelor . .	N ^o	11	38..56..2
Seth Phillips	N ^o	6	38..56..2
John Thurston Jun ^r . .	N ^o	10	61..69..3
Simeon Farwell	N ^o	5	25..46..2
Eliha Chamberlin . . .	N ^o	2	39..56..0
Jonathan Page	N ^o	9	56..29..9
Joseph Fox	N ^o	1	80..98..2

Reuben Smith }
 Israel Turner } Selectmen
 Amos Ordway }

A, true copy from the Selectmens minutes;

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[108] To Abijah Goodridge one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town Qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to
 meet and assemble at the meeting house on Monday the
 third day of this Instant March at three o'clock afternoon
 to act on the following articles viz

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will give Mr Joseph Fenno a
 Deed of two Acres of Land on the South side of the Lot
 of Land belonging to the Town or any thing thereof they
 may think proper hereof fail not & make return of your
 doings with this warrant on or before said day given
 under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg March 1st 1800.

Reuben Smith } Selectmen
 Israel Turner }

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the
 within named freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified
 by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at time and
 place within mentioned & for the purposes within men-
 tioned.
 Abijah Goodridge Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg assembled March 3rd 1800

1st Voted and chose Mr Afa Perry Moderator

Voted that the Town Clerk be impowered to give a
 Deed of a Peice of Land on the South side of the Lot of
 Land belonging to the Town, which land was purchased
 of Tho^s Boynton, to Joseph Fenno, the Deed to be given
 agreeable to a former vote of the Town

Voted disolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: Is: To either of Constables of the Town of
 Fitchburg in said Town Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
 (Seal) chusetts you are hereby required to Notify and
 Warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
 Town of Fitchburg Qualified to vote in Town meetings

as the law directs, to meet & assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Munday on Munday the third day of March next at nine oClock A. M. & when meet to act on the following articles.

1st To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To Choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, & all other town officers annually choofe in the month of March.

3rd To see what sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to support schools the Ensuing year.

4th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair highways and Bridges the present year.

5^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support the Minister & defray the Necessary charges arising within said Town the Ensuing year

6^{ly} To see if the Town will choose a Sexton to take care of the meeting house & burying Ground.

7th To see in what way the Town will support the Poor the year ensuing.

8^{ly} To see if the Town will let the Swine run at Large under the Regulation of the Law.

9^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with Town Treasurer hereof fail not & make return with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said Day given under our hands & seals this 13th day of Febr^y AD. 1800

Israel Turner } Selectmen
Amos Ordway } of
Fitchburg.

[109] Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

March 3rd 1800

Abijah Goodridge Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Munday the 3rd day of March 1800

1st Voted & chose M^r Asa Perry Moderator

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk.

Voted & chose M^r Ebenezer Thurston

. Town Treafurer

Voted to chuse Three Selectmen the present year

Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Ju^r M^r John Farwell & M^r Phinehas Brown Selectmen

Voted to chuse Three Affessors for the present year.

Voted & chose M^r Reuben Smith, Israel Turner Esq^r & Doc^t Peter Snow Affessors

Voted to let out the Collectorthip at the house of Mr David Boutell^s at four oClock in the afternoon this day at Vendue the person or persons biding it off to bring two Sufficient bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town.

Voted to chuse a Committee of Nine for the above purpose

Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry, Joseph Fox, Maj^r Benja^a Marshall, Doc^t Snow Israel Turner Esq^r M^r David Boutell, M^r Jacob Gibson, M^r Amos Ordway M^r David Pratt, M^r Phinehas Brown & M^r Reuben Smith a committee for the above purpose

Voted to chuse the same number of Highway Surveyors as last year.

Voted & chose Maj^r John Goodridge, M^r Amos Parce, M^r Joseph Downe Ju^r M^r Daniel Andrews, M^r Nathan Badeock Ju^r M^r Jacob Macintire, M^r David Boutell, M^r John Carter, M^r Jonathan Low Ju^r M^r Elijah Macintire Lieut^t Jon^a Page, M^r Tim^o Garfield, M^r Sam^l Harriſs, M^r Ephraim Hartwell & M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r to be highway Surveyors the year Enſuing . . Highway Surveyors

Voted & chose M^r Nchemiah Fuller, Maj^r Benja^a Marshall M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r & M^r Joshua Stickney hogreves Hoggreaves

Voted & chose M^r Ezra Ritter & M^r Jacob Gibson firewards Firewards

Voted & chose M^r John Willard & Lieut^t John Putnam Surveyors of Lumber . . . Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose M^r Jacob Upton Ju^r & M^r Abijah Goodridge Fence viewers. Fence viewers

Voted & chose Cornet Eliſha Chamberlin & M^r Mofes Hale field drivers Field drivers

Voted & chose M^r David Parce Sealer of Weights & meafures Sealer of Weights & meafures

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Simons & M^r Timothy Garfield Sealers of Leather Sealers of leather

Voted & chose M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r Pound keeper Pound keeper

Voted & chose M^r Phinehas Brown M^r Aaron Eaton Tytheingmen Tytheingmen

Voted & chose M^r John. R. Kemp Surveyor of hoops & Staves Surveyor of hoops and Staves

Voted to raise Two hundred pounds to repair the highways & bridges the present year and to be workt out at the Same rate as last year and to be allowed for Work, tools &c the same as last year.

[110] Voted to raise One hundred pound for the Support of the Reverend M^r Worcester for One year

Voted to raise One hundred & fifty pounds for the support of the schools to year Ensuing

Voted that the school money be laid out in the same way and manner as last year

Voted & chose M^r David Boutell, M^r Eliha Chamberlin M^r Kendol Boutell Ju^r M^r Daniel Harrifs, M^r David Bawldin M^r Jabez Sawyer, Lien^t James Cowdin, M^r Elijah Macintire M^r Abraham Farwell, Daniel Putnam Esq^r M^r Joseph Holt, to be a School Committee in the Several Distriets to which they belong & to be under the direction of the distriect for which they are chosen in laying out the money School Committee

Voted that the school Committee be directed to agree with the school masters that are to keep the several schools, that they are not to be allowed anything for keeping the schools on Satterdays in the afternoon, and the masters not to be allowed any thing for their time on publick days unless they keep the school

Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant for the prefont

Voted to let out the Saxton befinels at Vendue to take care of the meeting house

Voted & chose M^r Thomas Eaton, M^r John Thurston Ju^r & M^r Tim^o Garfield to be a committee to let out the

Saxton befines at Vendue to the lowest bidder at the same time & place as the Collectorship and report to the Town at the adjournment

Voted to let out the Poor at Vendue by Committee to the lowest bidder at the same time & place as the Collectorship and those that bids them of to take them to be accountable the same as last year and make report at the adjournment,

Voted that the Committee consist of Nine, and then

Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r, Mr Paul Wetherbee Mr Jos^s Polly Lieu^t, Edward Durant, Deacon Kendol Boutell, Mr Jonas Marshall Ju^r, Doe^t, Jonas Marshall, Lieu^t, Seth Phillips, & Mr Jon^a Low Jun^r, and make their report at the adjournment.

Voted that the Swine run at large under the regulation of the Law.

Voted to chuse a Committee to settle with the Treafurer and make report at the adjournment

Voted & chose Mr Reuben Smith, Israel Turner Esq^r & Mr John Thurston Ju^r to be a Committee to Settle with the Treafurer and make their report at the adjournment

Voted and chose Mr Eph^r Kimboll to take care of the burying Ground dig Graves &c, when needed

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill four oClock this afternoon then to meet at Mr David Boutells.

At four oClock The town meet according to adjournment and opened the meeting

Voted to chuse a committee and for them to report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting the best method for repairing the South County road leading from Leominster to Westminster being the Post road from Boston to Keen.

[111] Voted that the Committee consist of three, then

Voted & chose Mr Abraham Willard, Mr Tho^s Cowdin & Mr Paul Wetherbee to be a committee for the above purpose and report to the Town at the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the third munday of this present month at one oClock in the afternoon then to meet at the meeting house in said Town.

March 17th 1800 The Town meet according to adjournment & opened the meeting being the 3rd munday of March.

The committee appointed to settle with the Treadurer made report as follows (viz)

The committee Chose to settle with the Treadurer Find due to the Town of Fitchburg (viz)

Due from Daniel Wetherbee Collector for 1797	\$26..66..9
Due from S. Harris Jun ^r Collector for 1798 . .	264..32..8
Due from D. Hodgskins Collector for 1798 . .	469..30..9
Due from D. Hodgskins Collector for 1799 . .	449..11..5
Due from D. Hodgskins Collector for 1799 . .	142..19..8
Due from A. Goodridge Collector for 1799 . .	680..99..4
A note given by the Reverend J. Payson Dated Nov ^r 1799	42..07..0
Due on a note Given by William Brown prin- fable	3..11..0
a note Given by D. Wetherbee Nov ^r 21 st 1796 Princable	36..38..0
a note Given by P. Allen Oct ^r 2 nd 1797 . .	10..42..0
a note Given by Maj ^r J. Goodridge Oct ^r 1 st 1797	22..51..0
a note given by Cap ^t Afaph Goodridge Oct ^r 21 st 1797.	13..09..0
Due on a note given by J. Upton	1..54..0
Due on a note given by Cap ^t J. Burnap . .	22..29..0
Due the Towns propotion old meeting houfe .	68..00..0
a note given by David Gibson	2..00..0
Money now in the treadurers hands	17..50..0
Vouchers now in the Treadurers hands for monys paid the Reverend Sam ^l Worcester	98..02..4
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	2369..54..7

An account of what the Town of Fitchburg is In-
debted

Due to Peter Town	\$500..00..0
Due to Jonathan Smith	220..00..0
Due to Seth Phillips	129..00..0
Due to Blany Phillips	35..54..8

Due to Ebn ^r Thurston	157..00..0
Due to the Reverend S. Worcester	333..33..0
Due the School money	500..00..0
Due the money lent to E. Kimboll	100..00..0
Due to defray Town charges	300..00..0
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	2274..87..8

Fitchburg March 7th 1800

Reuben Smith	}	Committee
Israel Turner		
John Thurston Jr.		

Ebn^r Thurston Trefurer.

[112] Voted that Jonathan Low Jun^r Samuel Harrifs, Joseph Downe Jun^r & Amos Parce four of the highway Surveyors for the present year, be directed to take their Several Districts on the New County road from Leominster line to Westminster line to work with their districts agreeable to directions to be given by the Affessors in their tax bill and the work to be done by the first of June next

Voted to chuse a committeeman to superintend and inspect the work done on the New County road from Leominster line to Westminster line & see that the road is put in repair by the fifth of June next & further to see that the road is kept in repair through the season it being the Post road from Leominster to Keen

Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee a Committeeman for the above purpose

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to defray Necessary charges.

The committee appointed to let out the Saxton benefis (viz) to take care of the meeting house made their report as follows (viz)

3rd March 1800 4 oClock afternoon

The committee appointed to let out the taking care of the meeting house for one year, the person who takes it is to keep it clean and decent, Shovel the Snow of the door Stons on Sunday morning, if any on them and was set up to the lowest bidder

And was bid of to M^r Aaron Eaton at Seventeen shillings & sixpene . 17/6 for taking care of the meeting house

Tho^s Eaton p^r order.

Voted to accept this report.

The committee appointed to let out the Towns poor at Vendue made their report as follows (viz)

3rd March 1800 4 oClock

The committee appointed to let out the Towns Poor to the lowest bidder and them that bid them off to be anfwable for their behaviour Especially Smith & Upton the same as Useal, or last year.

Set up Ephraim Smith to the lowest bidder p^r y^e weak agreeable to the above conditions, And bid of to M^r Stephen Sawin at two shillings & four pence p^r weak for the year and in propotion if he should not lieve the year out.

Set up Oliver Upton to the lowest bidder p^r weak agreeable to the above conditions And bid of to Cap^t Jonathan Wood at Three shillings & eight pence p^r weak for the year, or in propotion if he should not lieve out the year.

Sut up Mary Wares to the lowest bidder p^r weak for the time the person bids her of shall support her, and so in propotion if she should not lieve out the year.

And bid of to Jacob Jaquith at five pence p^r weak.

Sut up Benj^a Danforth to the lowest bidder p^r weak by the year or untill he shall be provided for otherways from the time the said Danforth shall be obliged to be supported by said Town of Fitchburg And bid of To Deacon Kendol Boutell at two shillings & six pence p^r weak agreeable to the above conditions.

Daniel Putnam p^r order.

Voted to accept the above report.

[113] 3rd March 1800. 4 oClock in the afternoon agreeable to appointment

The committee that was chosen to let out the Collect-orship to the lowest bidder the bidders to bring two bondlmen each to the acceptance of the Town,

Sut up the South side of the Town upon the hundred pound on the above conditions

Bid of to Ezra Ritter at Twenty five shillings & six pence upon the hundred pound

Set up the North side of the Town upon the hundred pounds upon the above conditions

Bid of to Cap^t Jonathan Wood at Twenty five shillings & three pence upon the hundred pound,

Afa Perry p^r order

Voted to accept the above report

Voted to adjourn this meeting to M^r David Boutells their to meet in half an hour from this time.

The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened

Voted to accept of M^r Afa Perry & M^r Joshua Parce as bondsmen for Cap^t Jon^a Wood as Collector for the North side of the Town the year Enfuing.

Voted to accept of M^r David Pratt & M^r Daniel Wetherbee as bondsmen for M^r Abijah Goodridge as collector for the South side of the Town the year Enfuing.

Voted & chofe Cap^t Jon^a Wood Collector for the North side of the Town the year Enfuing

Voted & chofe M^r Abijah Goodridge Collector for the south side of the Town the year Enfuing, & it is expected he is to have same sum upon the hundred pound for collecting as Ezra Ritter bid it of for which was 25/6 upon the hundred pound.

Voted & chofe M^r Abijah Goodridge Conftable for the year Enfuing

Voted & chofe M^r Amos Ordway Conftable for the year Enfuing

voted to difsolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester, fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in Name of the Commonwealth of
(Seal) Maffachusetts to require you in due corse of Law
(Seal) to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of s^d
Town being free and Twenty one years of age
having a freehold of an Estate within the Commonwealth
of the Annual income of three pounds or any Rateable

property to the Value of Sixty pounds to assemble and meet at the meeting house on Munday the Seventh Day of April next at three oClock P: M. and when meet, then and their to give in their votes to the Selectmen who shall preside at said meeting for the following respectives officers (viz)

For a Govenor, Lieut Govenor, and Senators & Counfellors agreeable to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before s^d day and time above mentioned, Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this Seventeenth day of March A. D. 1800.

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Selectmen
John Farwell		
Phinchas Brown		

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the Male Inhabitants of twenty one years of age to meet at the time and place and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg 7th April 1800. Amos Ordway Constable

[114] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 7th day of April 1800 being the first munday in said month for the purpose of chusing A Govenor, Lieut Govenor, Senators & Counfellors

The meeting being opened and votes, call^d for in order, counted & Sorted, & declaration made as follows (viz)

Govenor	
For His Honour Moses Gill	1
The Honorable Elbridge Gerry	64
The Honorable Caleb Strong	12
Lieut Govenor	
For His Honour Moses Gill	22
The Honorable W ^m Heath	38

Senators & Counsellors

For The Honorable Elijah Brigham	19
The Honbl Salem Town	21
The Honbl Josiah Stearns	19
Benja Kimboll Esqr	19
Benja Reed Esqr	35
The Honbl Jon ^a Warner	05
Moses White Esqr	32
The Honbl Levi Lincoln	18
Col ^o Charles Cushing	32
Silas Cutler Esqr	13
Joseph Fox Esqr	21
The Honbl Jos ^s Stone	35
Thos Hale Esqr	01
John Thurston Jun ^r } John Farwell } Phinehas Brown }	Selectmen
Joseph Fox	Town Clerk

Worcester: fs To either of the Constables of the Town
of Fitchburg within said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due course of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the free holders and
other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law
to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the
meeting house in said Town on munday the 7th day of
April next at two o'clock P. M. and when meet then and
their to act on the following articles (viz)

first To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting.

2^y To see if the Town will chuse a committee to
measure off the Land that was possessed by the Town to
give Mr Joseph Fenno a Deed of or act any thing thereon
as they shall think proper

3^y To see if the Town will except of an agreement
made by Mr Abraham Willard & Mr Benja Kemp respect-
ing a road that has been in dispute between them or act
any thing thereon as they shall think proper

4^y To see if the Town will Sell the remainder of their
Land that lies below the road it being the fourth side of

the Land sd Town bought of M^r Boynton or act any thing theiron as they as they shall think proper

[115] Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to suni one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Seventeenth day of March A. D. 1800

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
John Farwell	
Phinehas Brown	

Perfuant to the within I have notified the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg 7th April 1800 Amos Ordway Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 7th day of April 1800.

1st Voted & chose Maj^r Benj^a Marthall Moderator.

Voted to chuse a Committee to meafure off the Land that the Town voted to give M^r Joseph Fenno in order that he may have a Deed.

Voted to chuse One as a Committee for the above purpose

Voted to have two more added to the Committee . . .

Voted & chose M^r Tho^s Cowdin M^r John Thurston Jun^r & M^r Renben Smith be a Committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Committee be directed to meafure off the land for M^r Fenno where it will be the least damage to the Town for the remainder of the land lying on the South side of the road,

Voted to accept of the agreement between M^r Abraham Willard & M^r Benj^a Kemp which is as follows. viz

A memorandam of an agreement between M^r Abraham Willard & M^r Benj^a Kemp this day agreed to Nov^r 18th 1799 viz The said Kemp is to give twenty eight rods of Land to the Town of Fitchburg for a road & he is to move his fence from off the same, said road begins at the

North east corner of said Kemps land & runing West twenty eight rods in length & one rod in bredth on the town road & the said Willard is to give the said Kemp eight shillings & four pence in confideration for the above mentioned road for the above purpose. This we firmly agree to as witnefs our hands, the above mentioned fence is to be moved off from the afore said road in one month from this date by the said Kemp

Fitchburg Nov^r 18th 1799

Abraham Willard
Benj^a Kemp

Attest Tho^s Cowdin
Joseph Polly
Benj^a Marshall

Voted to give One shilling p^r head for Crows this present year that shall be killed in the bounds of Fitchburg

Voted that the Town Treafurer be directed to pay one shilling p^r head for crows to any person or persons that shall present them provided the Treafurer is Satisfied that the Crows presented ware kill^d in the limits of the Town.

Voted to sell the remainder of the Towns land upon the South side of the road bought of Tho^s Boynton over and above what has ben voted to give to M^r Joseph Fenno,

Voted that the Committee that was chosen to meafure off the land for Joseph Fenno be directed to meafure of the remainder of the land upon the south side the road.

Voted that the Committee that is chosen to meafure off Joseph Fenno^s land be requested to view the Land and report to the Town the next Town meeting their oppinnion whether it is best to alter the road on the land bought of Tho^s Boynton or not,

Voted to reconsider the vote respecting selling the remainder of the Towns land upon the South side of the road bought of Tho^s Boynton

Voted to add two to the above Committee

Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry & M^r Abraham Willard to be added to the Committee

[116] Voted to adjorn this meeting to the 2nd tusday of may next at 3 OClock in the afternoon at this place.

Tuesday 13th May 1800 The Town meet according to adjournment

Voted to accept the report of the Committee respecting measuring of the land that the Town proposed to Deed to Joseph Fenno and sum other persons together with a Plan of the land, belonging to the Town which report is as follows (viz)

We your committee appointed by the Town have attended the business and beg leave to report that we had laid of the land for Mr Jos Fenno on the south side of the towns land likewise it is our opinion that the road ought not to be altered, The plans of the land we shall Exhibit with this report p^r order . . Tho^s Cowdin

Fitchburg April 11th 1800

Voted to Sell at Publick Vendue to the highest bidder the remainder of the land (besides what Joseph Fenno is to have a Deed off) viz what is upon the South Side of the road bought of Tho^s Boynton.

It was moved and Seconded, and put to vote to see if the Town will sell the Towns Land that that they own upon the South side the road bought of Tho^s Boynton, And it pass^d in the Negative.

meeting defolved.

Benja^a Marshall Moderator

Joseph Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due course of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the free holders and
other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting house on Tuesday the thirteenth day of may next at One oClock P: M. and when mett to act on the following articles viz

first To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to repair the great Bridge near Maj^r Goodridges or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will make any further repairs upon the school houfes or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To see if the Town will make any confideration to Cap^t Burbank, for money said Burbank, says he advanced for Amos Darby taxes while he was Collector over and above what he rec^d

5^{ly} To see if the Town will fence the burying ground in the West part of said Town of Fitchburg or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

6^{ly} To see if the Town will equipt every Soldier in said Town with Powder and Ball as the Militia Law directs or act anything theiron as they shall think proper agreeable to order of Maj^r Marshall and others . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this twenty second day of April A. D. 1800

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen.
John Farwell	
Phinehas Brown	

[117] May 13th 1800

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and inhabitants of said Town Quallified as the Law directs to meet at time & place and for the purpose within mentioned Abijah Goodridge Conftable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on tusday the 13th day of May 1800.

1^{ly} Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator.

Voted to repair the Bridge nigh Maj^r Goodridge^s

Voted to Chuse a committee to repair the Bridge nigh Maj^r Goodridge^s as they shall think best and most for the Interest of the Town

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted and chose Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Afa Perry Maj^r John Goodridge to be a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the Selectmen make the school houfes that

are complained off by finishing them, Eaquel to the school houfes, that was built the year before last, excepting putting in stoves, and bring in their account to the Town for allowance.

Voted to abate One years tax of Cap^t Samuel Burbank in confequence of his lofs that he made while Collector, for taxes he had againft Amos Darby deced^d which he has not collected as Burbank fays

Voted to chufe a Committee, to take a Deed in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg of one Acre of Land belonging to M^r Jacob Upton for a burying yard and when the Committee has got a Deed to Wall in the yard Eaqual to what wall they have now begun.

Voted that the Committee confift of three

Voted & chofe M^r Reuben Smith M^r Amos Putnam & Maj^r Benj^a Marfhall and make report to the Town the expence for allowance.

Voted to Equipt every Soldier in the Town of Fitchburg with Powder, Ball & flints as the Millitia Law directs, and that the Selectmen be requested to procure it in their care untill further order of the Town.

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcefter: fs: To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the

(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and warn

(Seal) the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty

One years of age and refident in said Town for the fpace of one year next proceeding having a freehold Eftate within said town of the Anual income of three pounds or any Eftate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the meeting houfe in said Town on tusday the thirteenth day of May next at three oClock P: M: for the purpose of chusing a person to Reprefent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the laft Wednesday of may, hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to Sum one of us at or before the above date Given under

our hands & seals at Fitchburg this twenty Second day
of April 1800.

John Thurston Junr }
John Farwell } Selectmen
Phinehas Brown }

May 13th 1800

Persuant to the within warrant I duly notified the
Male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law di-
rects to meet at the time and place and for the purpose
within mentioned Abijah Goodridge Constable

[118] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Fitchburg affembled on tuesday the 13th day of
May 1800—in order to chuse a Representative,

The meeting oppened & the Town voted to adjorn for
half an hour

The town mett according to adjournment

It was motioned & seconded and the Vote put to see
if the Town would chuse a Representative to Reprefent
them in General Court this present year, And it pafs in
the Negative

John Thurston Junr }
John Farwell } Selectmen
Phinehas Brown }

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town
of Fitchburg within said county, Greeting.

(Seal) Your are hereby required in the name of the

(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and

warn the Male inhabitants of said Town being
twenty one years of age and having a freehold of Estate
within the deftrict of the annual income of three pounds
or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds to meet at the
meeting houle on munday the 3rd day of Nov^r next at One
oClock P. M. for the purpose of giving in their vote for a
Federal Reprefentative agreeable to an act of the Common-
wealth, Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant
with your doings thereon to sum one of us on or before
said day and time above mentioned, given under our
hands & seal at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of of Oct^r
A. D. 1800.

John Thurston Junr }
John Farwell } Selectmen

Persuant to the within I have notified the Inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg Oct^r 20th 1800 Amos Ordway Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 3^d day of Nov^r 1800 for the purpose of chusing a representative for the second middle Distriet of the Commonwealth of Massachusets to reprezent us in the Congress of the United States the town being affembled and the votes called for and brought in counted & Sorted and declaration made of the persons voted for and was as follows viz.

For the Honorable Joseph B. Varnam 56
For the Honorable Timothy Bigelow 7

John Thurston Ju^r }
John Farwell } Selectmen
Phinehas Brown }
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[119] Worcester, fs. to either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting.

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusets to require you in due corse of Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting houe in said Town on the first munday of Nov^r next at two oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse an agent or agents to meet in convention at Templeton respecting a Division of the County agreeable to a circular letter

3^{ly} To see if the Town will purchase a convenient peice of land for a burying yard or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to Sum one of us at or before said

day and time above mentioned given under our hands
seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of Oct^r AD. 1800

John Thurston Jun^r }
John Farwell } Selectmen

Persuant to the within I have notified the freeholders
and other inhabitants to meet at the time and place and
for the purposes within mentioned.

Fitchburg Oct^r 20, 1800 Amos Ordway Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg affsembled on monday the 3rd day of Nov^r 1800
the meeting opened.

1st Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator

2^{ly} It being motioned & seconded to send an agent to
attend a conventioned respecting forming a new County
in the County of Worcester to meet at Joshua Wrights in
Templeton on y^e 6th Inf^t in consequence of receiving a cir-
cular letter from Several Gentlemen from Several Towns
and it pased in the affirmative

Voted to chuse Israel Turner Esq^r to attend the Con-
vention

Voted to chuse a committee to view and see if they
can find a convenient place for a burying yard and find
the Conditions, and report at sum futer meeting

Voted that the committee consist of five

Voted & chose Cap^t Will^m Brown M^r John Farwell
Cap^t Edward Durant M^r Eph^m Kimboll M^r David Boutell
& committee for the above purpose

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[120] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of
the Town of Fitchburg within said County . . . Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of
(Seal) Law to notify and warn all the free holders and
other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law
to vote in Town meetings to affsemble and meet at the

meeting house on thursday the Eleventh day of December next at one oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

first To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what order the Town will take upon an order from the General Court upon a Petition of a number of the Inhabatants of the Town of Fitchburg with others respecting a poole parish and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see what order the Town will take upon the proceeding of the Convention that set at Templetown on the sixth of November Instant and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To see if the Town will take a bond of James Mace for the maintenance and Support of his Mother Sarah Mace, or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

5^{ly} To see if the Town will here and except the report of the Committee chosen to view for a peice of Land for a burying yard and act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

6^{ly} To see if the Town will make any confideration to M^r Daniel Steward for a Clock he put into the meeting house

7^{ly} To see if the Town will abate M^r Samuel Berrys & M^r George Woods taxes for the two last years past or any part theirof.

8^{ly} To see if the Town will make any further repairs to the school houses or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Twenty fifth day of November AD. 1800

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
John Farwell	
Phinehas Brown	

Persuant to the within I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place within mentioned

December 11th 1800

Amos Ordway Constable

[121] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday the 11th day of December 1800

1st Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee Moderator.

2^{ly} Voted to pass over the 2nd article in the warrant for the present

Voted to chuse Israel Turner Esq^r to attend the Convention at Templeton on munday next respecting forming a new County, and make report of the proceedings of the Convention at the next Town meeting

Voted to chuse a committee to draw up Instructions to give to our agent that is chosen to go to Templeton respecting forming a new County

Voted to chuse five as a committee for the above purpose

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Daniel Putnam Esq^r Mr David Boutell, Cap^t W^m Brown & Doc^t Peter Snow to be the committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to settle the befiness of the 4th article in the warrant with Mr James Mace respecting the maintenance of his Mother M^{rs} Sarah Mace

Voted to except the report of the Committee that was appointed to look out a piece of Land Sutable for a burying yard and find what price the Land can be purchased at, which report is as follows (viz) and was a verbal report. The Land in the oppinion of the Committee that is most Sutable is Situated & lyes nigh Mr Blaneys and is a part of Mr Blany's Land and part of Mr Eph^r Kindolls Land, that part proposed to take off of Mr Blany's he will sell at Fifteen dollars p^r Acre after he has taken the Wood off, and Kindolls at twenty dollars p^r acre and he to take the wood off, and was reported by Cap^t Durant one of the Committee.

Voted that the Committee that made this report be a committee to purchase the piece or pieces of Land and take a Deed in behalf of the Town

Voted that the Town Treaferer be added to the Committee to purchase the land for the burying ground and that the Treaferer pay for the Land or give Security in behalf of the Town for the amount

Voted to pass over the Sixth article in the warrant

Voted to abate Samuel Berrys rates in the hands of Mr Ezra Ritter for the years 1799 and 1800.

Voted to abate Mr George Woods poole tax in the hands of Mr Ezra Ritter for the two last years.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to put the school houses in repair Sufficient to keep the schools in and make report to the Town the expence for allowance.

Voted to chuse an Agent to attend the General Court on the third Thursday of the Session of the Court which shall be holden next after the first day of January in the year 1801 agreeable to Notification from said Court to shew cause Why the Prayer of a number of Petitioners from the Towns of Fitchburg, Westminster, Ashburnham & Ashby for a Poole Parish should not be granted and for the agent to do what shall appear to him to be reasonable to prevent the Petitioners obtaining a Pool Parish agreeable to their request.

Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r an agent for the above purpose

Voted to chuse a Committee to remonstrate in the name of the Town to the General Court to furnish the agent with a Defence to oppose the Petitioners in obtaining their request for a Poole Parish.

[122] Voted to chuse three as a committee

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Doc^t Peter Snow & Mr John Thurston Ju^s

Voted to take up the 6th article in the warrant which has ben voted to be pass^d over

Voted to chuse a committee to treat with Mr Daniel Steward respecting his putting a Clock into the meeting house and the Circumstances of his Encouragement to put it up and make their report to the Town at sum futer meeting

Voted to chuse three as a Committee

Voted & chose Deacon Boutell Mr Eph^r Kimboll & Cap^t Ed^d Durant a committee for the above purpose

Voted to disolve this meeting

Paul Wetherbee Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

The following is a Division of the school money for the year 1800 as made by the Selectmen (viz)

M ^r David Boutell for deftrict	N ^o 1	. . . .	\$81..80..8
M ^r Elifha Chamberlin for	D ^o N ^o 2	. . . .	46..63..8
M ^r Kendol Boutell for	D ^o N ^o 3	. . . .	45..87..4
M ^r Daniel Harrifs for	D ^o N ^o 4	. . . .	35..15..5
M ^r David Bawldin for	D ^o N ^o 5	. . . .	24..46..7
M ^r Jabez Sawyer for	D ^o N ^o 6	. . . .	35..93..5
Cap ^t James Cowdin for	D ^o N ^o 7	. . . .	32..11..2
M ^r Elijah Macintire for	D ^o N ^o 8	. . . .	45..87..5
M ^r Abraham Farwell for	D ^o N ^o 9	55..81..3
Daniel Putnam Esq ^t for	D ^o N ^o 10	61..16..8
M ^r Joseph Holt for	D ^o N ^o 11	35..15..5
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			\$500..00 0

Fitchburg 22nd December 1800

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
John Farwell	
Phinehas Brown	

[123] Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County . . Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of Law
 to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
 Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to vote in
 Town meeting to meet and assemble at the meeting house
 on Tusday the twenty Seventh day of this instant January
 at one oClock P. M. and when meet to act on the follow-
 ing articles. (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will difannul all former votes
 that relate to opposing those persons of the Town of
 Fitchburg at the General Court who have petitioned to
 be incorporated into a pole parish or act any thing theiron
 as they may think proper, or give those persons that pro-
 fess to be of a defirent Sentement from that of the Rever-
 end M^r Worcester: The meetinghouse their propotionable
 part of the Sundays according to the tax they pay or act
 any thing theiron agreable to a request of a number of
 the inhabitants of said Town.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will abate Abraham Maces taxes for the year 1796 & 1797 that was delivered to David Hodgskins to collect or any part theirol.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theirol to sum one of us on or before said Day and time above mentioned. Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this twelfth Day of January AD. 1801.

John Thurston Jun^r } Selectmen
John Farwell }

Persuant to the within I have notified the free holders and other Inhabitants to meet at time and place within mentioned

Amos Ordway Constable

Fitchburg January 27th 1801

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on tuesday the 27th day of January 1801.

Voted & chose Maj^r Benja^a Marshall Moderator

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town would chuse a committee to confer with the Petitioners that request a Pool parish in order to know what they would wish for. A vote was call^d for, & it pass^d in the Negative.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town would disannul all former votes respecting opposing the Petitioners for a Pool parish; The vote was call^d for and pass^d in y^e Negative.

It was motioned & Seconded to see if the Town will vote that those persons that are of a defirent Sentement with M^r Worcester their propotionable part of the meeting house on Sundays according to their taxes in order to attend upon publick worship. The vote being put and it pass^d in the affirmative.

Voted to abate Abraham Mace^s rates for the year 1797 that are not paid in David Hodgskins hands

Voted to reconsider the vote respecting giving those persons that are of a defirent Sentement with M^r Worcester their propotionable part of the meeting house on Sundays in order to worship in on Sundays, And likewise to disannul all former votes respecting opposing the Pool parish.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Benj^a Marshall Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[124] Worcester: fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within said County . . . Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
(Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of Law
(Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of said Town Quallified by Law to
vote in Town meetings to meet and affemble at the meet-
ing house on Munday the twenty third day of this instant
February at One OClock. P. M. and when meet to act on
the following articles (viz)

1st To chufe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe a Committee to
hold a conference with the greived parties in regard to
their Religions Sentements and if need be with the Revend
M^r Worcester or act any thing theiron as they shall
think proper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will grant those persons of a
difrent denomination from the Reverend Samuel Worces-
ter the meeting houle their propotion of the Sundays
according to the tax they pay or act any thing theiron
as they shall think proper

4^{ly} To see if the Town will leive out of their affes-
ment for the tax to the Reverend M^r Worcester all those
persons that form themselves into a Religious Society and
make it known to the Town at the Annual meeting in
March by giving in their names, or act any thing theiron
as they shall think proper

5^{ly} To see if the Town will vote off all the Inhabi-
tants in the Northwest part of the Town of Fitchburg
who wishes to be set off as a Town agreable to a plan
formerly drawn by Some of the Inhabitants of the Towns
of Fitchburg, Westminster, Ashburnham & Ashby or act
any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings theiron to Some one of us on or before said
day and time above mentioned given under our hands

and Seals at Fitchburg this second day of February A: D: 1801.

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Selectmen
John Farwell	
Phinehas Brown	

Fitchburg February 20th 1801

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town meetings as the Law directs to meet at time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asssembled on munday the 23rd day of February 1801.

Voted & chose Cap^t Edward Durant moderator

Voted to pafs over the Second article in the warrant

Voted to Grant those persons that are of a defirent denomanation from the Revend Samuel Worcester the meeting house their propotion of the Sundays according to the tax they pay

Voted to leive out of the assesment of the tax for the future to the Revend M^r Worcester all those persons that form themselves into a religious [125] Society and make it known to the Town at the Annual meeting in March by giving in their names

Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant.

It was moved & seconded to see if the Town will adjorn this meeting for one hour in order for the minority to lodge in the Towns hands their protest against the proceedings of this meeting. The vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative

Voted to disolve this meeting

Edward Durant Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

*Fitchburg Feby 23 1801

We the Subscribers being inhabitants of Said town and being the minority in a town meeting held in Said Fitchburg on this Day and

*This document, which bears on the reverse an attested copy of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of February 23, 1801, which records action relating to Rev. Mr. Worcester, furnished by Joseph Fox, Town Clerk, is affixed to page 124.

present when the Within Vots was Paft and Vewing them as being in open Violation of the Contract that the town made with the Reverend Samuel Worcefter at his Settlement in the mineftry in this place and also an obstruction against him in fulfilling his mineftercal office according to his Sollomn Charge hereby Enter our proteft against the proceedings of the town in respect to the Vots past in town meeting this Day and request that this our protest may be filed and recorded in the town Clerks office in this town

Kendal Boutell
 Nchemiah Fuller
 Phinehas Brown
 John Thurston Junr
 John Farwell
 Eph^m Kimball
 Jon^a Lowe
 Joseph Low
 Mofes Hale
 John Putnam
 Amos Sheldon
 Samuel Harris
 Ezra Ritter
 Simeon Farwell
 Consider Turner
 Benjamin Fuller
 Phinehas Allen
 Daniel Putnam
 Eben^r Thurston
 Aaron Eaton
 Seth Phillips
 John Farwell Junr
 Kendal Boutell Junr
 Afaph Boutell
 Jabez Sawyer
 Elipt^r Perley
 Jeremiah Kinsman
 Thomas Mefsinger
 Calvin Mefsinger
 John Thurfton

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg within Said County Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth of
 (Seal) Massachussetts to require you in due corse of Law,
 (Seal) to notify & warn a verbal meeting of all the free-
 (Seal) holders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualli-
 fied by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet &
 assemble at the meeting house on munday this second day

Witchburg Feb^y 23 1801

We the subscribers being inhabitants of said town
and being the minority in a town meeting held
in said Witchburg on this day and present where
the within vote was given and viewing them as
being in open violation of the sanction that
the town made with the Reverend Samuel Worcester
at his settlement in the ministry in this place
and also an obstruction against him in fulfilling
his ministerial office according to his solemn
charge hereby enter our protest against
the proceedings of the town in respect to the
Vote and request that this our protest may be
filed and recorded in the town clerks office in
this town

~~Witchburg~~

Linear Beckett

Benjamin Peltier
Phineas Brown

John Thurston
John Howell

Ephraim Kimball
Jesse Lowe

Joseph Larr
Moses Hale

John Williams
a minister

Samuel Harris

Erna Peltier

Simon Burwell

Charles S. Burwell

Benjamin Peltier

Phineas Brown

Daniel Putnam

John Thurston

Moses Hale

Seth Phillips

John Williams

Linear Beckett

Benjamin Peltier

Phineas Brown

John Thurston

Moses Hale

Benjamin Peltier

Phineas Brown

John Thurston

of March at three of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles, viz.

First to chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

Secondly To see if the Town will direct the Affsors or any other Sutable Persons to propotion the number of Sundays, to those persons who are of a defirent Sentement from the Rev^d Samuel Worcester agreeable to a vote of the Town pas'd on the 23rd day of February last or act any thing theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, to some one of us with your doing on said day, given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this Second day of March A. D. One thoufand eight hundred and one.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		

Persuant to the within I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned

March 2nd 1801

Amos Ordway Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on the 2nd day of March 1801

Voted & chose M^r Amos Ordway Moderator

Voted that the affsors propotion the Sundays for those to improve the meeting houle that are of a defirent denomemation from the Rev^d M^r Worcester and make their report at next Town meeting.

Voted to disolve this meeting

Amos Ordway Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

the reason this meeting was recorded before the March meeting, was becaufe the March meeting was not finished but adjorned to April meeting

J. F. T. C

[126] Worcester, fs. To either the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
 (Seal) Verbally all the Inhabitants qualified by Law to
 (Seal) vote for a Representative to meet at the meeting
 house on munday the sixth day of April instant to
 give in their Votes for a County Treafurer & Register of
 Deeds Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant
 with your doing thereon on said day. Given under our
 hands & Seals at Fitchburg this sixth day of April 1801.

To chuse a moderator to count & Sort the Votes

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Joseph Polly	

Persuant to the within warrant I have duly notified
 the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as within men-
 tioned to meet at time & place & for the purpose within
 mentioned.

Abijah Goodridge Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg assembled on munday the 6th day of April 1801
 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a county
 Treafurer and County Register and after counting & sort-
 ing the Votes by Doe! Peter Snow who was chosen mod-
 erator and likewise to count and Sort the votes their
 appeared to be as follows (viz)

County Treafurer
 For M^r Samuel Allen 66

County Register
 For Col^l Daniel Clap 47
 Peter Snow Moderator
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[127] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of
 the Town of Fitchburg with said County . . Greeting

(Seal) These are in the name of the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of Massachusetts to require you in due corse of Law
 (Seal) to notify and warn all the freeholders and other
 inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to
 vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meet-

ing house on monday the Second day of March next at nine oClock in the morning and when mett to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To chuse a Town Clerk, Town treafurer, Selectmen and other Town officers as the Law directs and act any thing in regard to chusing collectors as they may think propper

3^{ly} To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support the Revend M^r Worcester the year ensuing.

4^{ly} To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support the schools the year insuing and act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

5^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raife to pay the Towns Debts and other necessary charges the year insuing

6th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raife to repair their highways and bridges the present year

7^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to support their poor the year insuing and act any thing theiron as they shall think propper

8^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with the Town treafurer

9^{ly} To see if the Town will vote the Swine to run at Large under the regulation of the Law

10^{ly} To see if the Town will abate Abraham Maces taxes for the years 1798 & 1799. which is in the hands of M^r Ezra Ritter or any part theirot

11^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a Saxton or Saxton to take care of the meeting house and burying ground or act any thing theiron as they may think propper . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day and time above mentioned. given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord AD 1801.

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Selectmen
John Farwell		
Phinehas Brown		

Fitchburg March 2nd 1801 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified to vote in town meetings as the Law directes to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned. Abijah Goodridge Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 2nd day of March 1801.

Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator . Moderator

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Town Treasurer

. Town Treasurer

Voted to chuse Five Selectmen for the year infuing year and they to serve without pay except for befiness to be done out of the Town and laying out roads . . .

Voted & chofe Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Reuben Smith, Doc^t Peter Snow M^r Abijah Goodridge & M^r Joseph Polly Selectmen.

Voted & chofe Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Reuben Smith, & Doc^t Peter Snow Affsors.

It was motioned and seconded to see if the Town will chuse the other two Selectmen to be Affsors. The vote being called for it pass^d in the negative

Voted to let out the Collectorship to the lowest bider as usual.

[128] Voted to chuse Eleven a Committee to let out the Collectorship at vendue at the house of Cap^t Will^m Brown at three oClock this day

Voted & chofe M^r Afa Perry, Joseph Fox, Doc^t Jonas Marshall M^r Jacob Upton, Israel Turner Esq^r Maj^r Marshall M^r Joseph Polly, M^r Paul Wetherbee, M^r Moses Hale, M^r Simeon Farwell & Cap^t Jacob Burnap . . .

Voted to add two this Committee — voted & chofe M^r Daniel Wetherbee & M^r Abel Bawldin the above committee to make report at the adjournment

Voted & chofe the following persons for highway Surveyors the present year, viz M^r Afa Perry Cornet Elisha Chamberlin, Simeon Farwell, Arrington Gibson, Solomon Carlton, John Messenger, Joseph Fox, John Carter Man-

field Stearns, John Willard, Elias Macintire, Cap^t Ew^d Du-
rant Daniel Harribs Ebn^t Hutchinson & Aron Eaton

. Highway Surveyors

Voted & chose W^m Brown, Joseph Willard, John Keep^{*}
Sworn, Eph^t Kimboll Ju^t Calven Meffenger Tho^s Eaton
3rd & Joshua Phillips Hoggreves

Voted & chose Tho^s Hilton & John Smith Firewards

Voted & chose John Meffenger & John Willard

. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose George Wood & Joseph Downs

. Field drivers

Voted & chose Joseph Simons & Timothy Garfield

. Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall Ju^t . . . Pound keeper

Voted & chose Simeon Farwell & Cap^t Tho^s Thurston

. Tytheingmen

Voted & chose Jo^s Downs Ju^t

. Surveyor of hoops & Staves

Voted & to pass over the 3rd article in the warrant
for the present (viz) to know what sum the Town will
raife for the Support of M^r Worcester,

\$500 Voted to raife Five hundred dollars for the Sup-
port of the schools the year Enfuing

Voted that the school money be laid out in the same
way and manner as last year.

Voted to chuse a School Committeeman for each
destrict,

Voted & chose Cap^t Edw^d Durant, Amos Parce, Joseph
Simons, Eph^t Osborn, David Pratt, Seth Phillips, Benj^a
Kemp, Solomon Carlton, Simeon Shattuck, Amos Ord-
way, Solomon Gibson School Committee

Voted that the Several destrict be reflected, each quar-
ter to his own quarter to which he belongs

*The following certificate is affixed to page 128:

Certificate of John Keeps^s being Sworn as a hogreve
Worcester fs July 3 1801 to Jofeph Fox town Clerk for the town
of Fitchburg

this Certifies that John Keep Came before me and was Sworn to the
faithfull Discharge of his Duty as a hogreve for the said town for one
year from march Laft

Daniel Putnam

Voted that the school Committeemen be directed to agree with the Masters and Mistrefes upon the Same printable as last year respecting their being allowed for Satterdays in the afternoon & publick days unless they keep the schools,

Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant untill the adjournment (viz) to see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to pay the Towns debts.

£200 for highways & bridges Voted to raise Two hundred pounds to be workt out on the highways and bridges the present year to be workted out the same as last year, and to be allowed for Labour, Cattle Tools &c the same as last year

Voted to let out the Poor to the lowest bidder upon the same printfables as last year

Voted to chufe a Committee of Thirteen to let out the Poor at the same time & place as the Collectorship and to make to the Town at the adjournment

Voted & chose Deacon Boutell, Lieu^t Sam^l Phelps, Joseph Downs, David Pratt, Jonas Marshall Ju^r Cap^t Durant, Doc^t Snow, Oliver Brown, Cap^t Tho^s Thurston, Joseph Low, Amos Sheldon, Tho^s French, Joshua Parce a committee for the above purpose

Voted to chufe a committee to Settle with the Treasur and make report at the adjournment

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Ju^r Joseph Fox & Israel Turner Esq^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the Swine run at Large under the regulation of the Law the present year

Voted to abate Abraham Mace^s rates in the hands of Ezra Ritter for the year 1798 & 1799

Voted to let out the Saxton befiness at vendue to the lowest bidder with regard to taking care of the meeting house to the same Committee as was to let out the Poor & at the same place & time, and make report to y^e Town at adjournment

Voted to chose two Saxtons to take care of the burying Ground

Saxtons— Voted & chose Tho^s French, & Solomon Carlton for the above purpose

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the house of Cap^t W^m Brown at four oClock this afternoon, the meeting accordingly adjorned

The Town meet according to adjornment and the meeting oppened

Voted & chose Tho^s French Constable for the year En-
fuing

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge Constable for the year
Enfuing Constables

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the meeting house on the first munday of April next at four oClock afternoon and the meeting was accordingly adjorned

The Town meet according to adjornment & the meeting oppened, & voted to adjorn the meeting to munday the 13th day of April Inst^t at 3 oClock in the afternoon

The Town meet according to adjornment 13th April
1801

The Committees chosen to Settle with Treasurer Let-
ting out Collectorship Towns poor &c carried to 3rd & 4
pages from this

Voted to accept the report of the committee to Settle
with the Town treasurer which report is carried to 3rd
page from this

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to
let out the Collectorship & Towns poor &c which report
is carried to forth page from this

Voted that the Selectmen see to repairing or building
a new the Bridge nigh Maj^r Goodridg^s in the best way
and manner they shall think for the Interest of the Town.

Voted that the Selectmen see to repairing the Bridge
nigh Cap^t Browns Mills in that way they shall think
Most for the Interest of the Town

\$700— Voted to raise Seven hundred dollars to pay
the Towns Debts and other Necessary charges

Voted to Accept of M^r Afa Perry & Maj^r John Good-
ridge as bondsmen for M^r Tho^s French as Collector on
the north side the Town

Voted to accept of Israel Turner Esq^r & David Pratt as bondsmen for Mr Abijah Goodridge as Collector on the south side y^e town

The remainder of March meeting carried to 3rd page from this.

[129] Worcester, fs. To either the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
(Seal) the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg of
Twenty one years of age and upward having a freehold estate within this Commonwealth of the Annual income of Ten Dollars, or an Estate to the value of Two hundred Dollars to meet at the meeting house in said Fitchburg on Munday the sixth day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Govenor, liutenant Govenor, and Senators and Counfellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given Under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twenty first day of March 1801

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Peter Snow }

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote for Govenor, lieutent Govenor, Senators and Counfellors to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg April 6th 1801 Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asssembled on munday the sixth day of April AD 1801 In order to give in their votes for Govenor, Lieu^t Govenor, Senators & Counfellors. at the Close of the meeting the votes were as follows (viz)

Govenor

For Elbridge Gary Esq ^r	60
His Exelency Caleb Strong Esq ^r	35
The Honnob ^l Edw ^d H. Robins	1

Leutenant Govenor

For General William Heth	61
The Honabl Edw ^d H. Robins	22
Elbridge Gary Esq ^r	1
The Honobl Sam ^l Phillips	1

Senators and Counfellors

For Col ^o Jonathan Grout	3	For Samuel Jones Esq ^r	35
Gen ^l John Whiting	38	Salem Town Esq ^r	24
Edward Bangs Esq ^r	24	Josiah Stearns Esq ^r	35
Joseph Stone Esq ^r	29	Daniel Bigelow Esq ^r	9
Elijah Brigham Esq ^r	26	David Hinthaw Esq ^r	37
Berzelial Tafts Esq ^r	24		
Thomas Hale Esq ^r	23		

Israel Turner }
 Reuben Smith } Selectmen
 Peter Snow }

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[130] Worcester. fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby Required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town quallified by Law to vote in town meetings
 (viz) Such as pay to one single tax besides the Pool or
 pools a sum eaquel to two thirds of a single poole in said
 Town, on munday the sixth day of April next at two
 of the Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz—

1st To chufe a moderator to Govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will take into confideration
 the contract made with the Reve^d Sam^l Worcester and if
 they think a difsalution of said contract in regard to his
 minefterial office necefsary for the peace and harmony of
 said Town, to chufe a committee to inform him and re-
 quest his anfwer or act any thing theiron refpecting his
 difmiffion they may think proper

3^y To see if the Town will build a chimney in the
 Center school houfe, or act any thing theiron refpecting
 building chimneys in the school houfes they may think
 proper

Given under our hands & seals this Twenty first day
of March AD 1801

Reuben Smith }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Joseph Polly }

Fitchburg April 6th 1801

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town quallified
to vote in Town meetings as the law directs to meet at
time and place & for the purpofes within mentioned.

Thomas French Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg affembled on munday the 6th day of April 1801

Voted & chose Doc^t Peter Snow moderator

It was motioned and Seconded to try a vote of the
Town to see who was against M^r Worcester, no vote,

It was motioned and Seconded to know the minds of
the Town whether it would be for their peace and happi-
nefs to difsolve the contract with the Reven^d Samuel Wor-
cester as their Minefter agreable to the Contract made
with him at the time of his Settlement. The vote being
put it pafs^d in the affirmative

Voted to chufe a Committee to inform the Reverend
Sam^l Worcester of the above vote

Voted to chufe five as a Committee for the above pur-
pose

[131] Voted and chose Cap^t Edward Durant, Israel
Turner Esq^r M^r Afa Perry Daniel Putnam Esq^r Doc^t Jo-
nas Marthall and M^r David Boutell in the romé of Daniel
Putnam Esq^r declin^d serving as a Committeeman.

Voted that the Committee make their report at the
may meeting.

Voted to pafs over the 3rd article in the warrant

Voted to difsolve the meeting.

Peter Snow moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Here follows the remainder of the tranfactions of the
March meeting — viz

Voted & chose M^r Thomas French Collector the present year for the North Side Voted & chose M^r Abijah Goodridge Collector the present year for the South Side

. Collectors

Fitchburg March 4th 1801 The Committee appointed to settle with M^r Ebn^r Thurston, Town treafurer find due to the Town as follows (viz)

We find in the hands of Samuel Harris Ju ^r	
Collector for the year 1798	\$51..62.7
We find in the hands of Ezra Ritter Collector	
for the years 1798 & 1799	\$134..96.7
We find due from the Estate of David Hodg-	
skin dece ^d	\$46..36.6
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Col-	
lector for y ^e year 1799	\$4..67.2
We find in the hands of Ezra Ritter Collector	
for the year 1800	\$624..06.0
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Col-	
lector for the year 1800	727..24.0
a note given by the Revend John Payson dated	
Nov ^r 7 th 1799	\$42..07
Rec ^d March 15 th 1800 \$7..00 Rec ^d June	
23 rd 1800 \$5.00 Rec ^d Sep ^t 14 th	
\$4.00 is	<u>16..00</u>

Due besides the Interest . 26 07 .	\$26..07.0
a note given by Cap ^t Afaph Goodridge	
dated Oct ^r . 21 st 1797	\$55..16
Rec ^d Nov ^r 7 th 1799	<u>42.. 6</u>

Due on this note besides the Interest 13..10 .	13..10.0
a note given by Daniel Wetherbee	
dated Nov ^r 21 st 1796	\$36..38
Rec ^d January 8 th 1798 \$2-18 Cents	
the Interest for one year	
Rec ^d May 7 th 1800	<u>25..00</u>

Due on this note besides the Interest 11..38 .	\$11..38.0
We find in the Treafurers hands a Con-	
fession signd by Maj ^r John Good-	

ridge dated May 13 th 1800 & pay-		
able on the last of June 1800 . .	\$25..15	\$25..15.0
and promised to pay the Interest from the last day of		
June 1800 untill paid		
a note against William Small Nov ^r		
30 th 1798	\$10..25	
Rec ^d March 2 nd 1801	6..00	
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	4..25	\$4..25.0
a note against William Small Nov ^r 30 th 1798		
\$10..25. besides y ^e Interest		\$10..25.0
a note against M ^{rs} Hannah Cowdin Nov ^r 30 th		
1798 \$13..50 besides y ^e Interest		13..50.0
a note against Ezra Dana Nov ^r 30 th 1798		
\$19..00 besides the Interest		\$19..00.0
carried over		
[132] a note against Ezra		
Dana Nov ^r 30 th 1798 \$19..00		
Rec ^d 13 th December 1800 15..50		
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Due on this note . . 3..50 besides Interest \$3..50.0		
a note against Tho ^s Eaton Nov ^r 30 th 1798		
\$11..00 besides y ^e In ^t		\$11..00.0
a note against Peter Snow Nov ^r 30 th 1798		
\$18..17 besides the Interest		\$18..17.0
a note against Jonathan Low Nov ^r 30 th 1798		
\$18..17 besides the Interest		\$18..17.0
a note against W ^m Brown Nov ^r 30 th 1798		
\$4..16 besides the Interest		\$4..16.0
a note against W ^m Brown Nov ^r 30 th 1798		
\$18.17 besides the Interest		\$18..17.0
a note against John Putnam Nov ^r 30: 1798		
\$12.00 besides the Interest		\$12..00.0
a note against Afa Perry Nov ^r 30 th 1798		
\$10.72 besides the Interest		\$10..72.0
a note against Jeremi-		
ah Kinfman Nov ^r		
30 th 1798	\$15..00	
Rec ^d 7 th May 1800	7..67	
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Due \$7..33 besides the Interest \$7..33.0		

We find an obligation against Ephraim Kimbol dated Jan ^y 30 th 1800 the Interest to be paid yearly	\$100..00
We find in the Treafurer ^s hands which we have settled with the Treafurer for vouchers for money paid the Reverend Samuel Worces- ter but good against M ^r Worcester	\$82..40
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	\$1996..26.2

We also find the Town of Fitchburg
is indebted to Sundry persons as
follows (viz)

Notes due to Jonathan Smith	\$247..75
note due to Joseph Fox	406..12
note due to Joseph Fox	96..94
note due to Ebn ^r Thurston on y ^e 12 th March 1801	136..27.1
note due to John & Joseph Farwell	40..00.
Due to M ^{rs} Cowdin & y ^e Pew holder of y ^e old meeting house	135..66.
Will be due to the Revend M ^r Wor- cester Sep ^r 1801	333..33.
for schooling	500..00
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	\$1896..07.1

Joseph Fox	} Committee
Israel Turner	
John Thurston Ju ^r	
Ebn ^r Thurston Town Treafurer.	

The committee appointed to let out the Collectorship
at the house of Cap^t Will^m Browns to the lowest bidder
opened the Vendue and proceeded to belinefs by feting
up the South side of the Town upon the hundred pound,
upon the same prinfables as Useal in years past viz, South
side of the Town sut up to the lowest, bidder upon the
hundred pound and the person who bids it of to bring
bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town and was bid of
to M^r Abijah Goodridge at Twenty four shillings & three
pence

The North side the Town set up to the lowest bidder upon the hundred pound and the person who bids it of to bring bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town and bid of to M^r Thomas French at Twenty five shillings.

The Saxtons befines to take care of the meeting house set up at Vendue to the lowest bidder to be kept clean and decent and in the winter Season the Snow to be cleaned of the Stones of the meeting house doors when Necessary and bid of to M^r Thomas French at nine shillings for the year Afa Perry p^r order.

The committee chosen to let out the Towns Poor at the lowest bidder meet at the house of Cap^t William and them that bids them off to be accountable for their behaviour Especially Smith & upton the same as usual or as last year.

Set up Ephraim Smith to the lowest bidder agreeable to the above conditions and bid of to Abijah Goodridge at two shillings & two pence p^r weak.

carried up.

[133] Set up Oliver Upton to the lowest bidder agreeable to the above Conditions and bid of to M^r Reuben Smith at two shillings & Eleven pence per weak.

Set up Mary Wares to the lowest bidder agreeable to the above conditions and bid of to Simeon Farwell for nothing

Samuel Phelps per order

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester: Is: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
(Seal) chufetts you are hereby required to notify and warn
(Seal) verbally the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
(Seal) the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote
in Town meetings to assemble on Munday the sixth day of April instant at five of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles viz

1^{ly} To chufe a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^y To see if the Town will here and accept the report of the committee appointed to make the propotion of the Sundays for those persons to improve the meeting house who are of a difirent denomination from the Reverend Samuel Worcester.

3^y To see if the Town will chuse a committee to determine which days those persons who are of a different denomination from the Reverend Samuel Worcester shall improve the meeting house or act any thing theiron as they may think proper.

4^y To see if the Town will chuse a committee to sell the Towns Land if they can do it to the advantage of the Town or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

5^y To see if the Town will give liberty to the deftrict wherof M^r Timothy Garfield was Survayor the last year to work out the remainder of their last years highway tax which was not worked out on the roads in that deftrict or act any thing theiron they think proper . .

6^y To see if the Town will accept any roads layed out by the Selectmen or others,

hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron, on said day Given under our hands & Seals this Sixth day of April AD 1801

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Joseph Polly	

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at time and place within mentioned & for the purpose within mentioned.

Abijah Goodridge Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the Sixth day of April 1801.

1 Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was appointed to propotion the Sundays for each denomina-

tion to improve the meeting house which report is as follows

We the Subscribers agreeable to a vote of the Town pafs^d on the Second day of March 1801 Authorising us to make the propotion of the Sundays for those persons to improve the meeting house who are of a different denomination from the Rev^d Samuel Worcester, beg leave to report as follows (viz)

The Society in the East part of the Town Twenty four Sundays in a year Mr Worcester's Society Seventeen Sundays in a year, The Society in the west part of the Town Eight Sundays in a year. The baptist Society three Sundays in a year

Fitchburg March 21 st 1801	Israel Turner	} Affsors
	Reuben Smith	
	Peter Snow	

This report was accepted 13th April 1801.

[134] Voted to chuse a committee to point out the perticular Sundays each denomination shall improve the meeting house

Voted to chuse five as a Committee

Voted & chose Deacon Kindoll Boutell, Israel Turner Esq^r Joseph Polly Paul Wetherbee & Samuel Caswell a committee for the abve purpose

Voted that the Committee furnish each Society with their determination respecting the perticular Sundays each Society is to improve the meeting house

Voted to adjorn this meeting to munday the 13th day of this Instant April at two oClock afternoon.

13th April 1801 The Town mett according to adjornment.

Voted that Mr Jonas Marhall Jun^r have the fead that is upon the Towns land upon the South side the road it being a part of the land the Town bought of Thomas Boynton for this present year upon the following conditions that the said Marhall see that their is no timber or live Wood cut on any of the Towns lands besides what is already disposed off to the Revend Mr Worcester

Voted that the highway list that was committed to Mr Timothy Garfield the last year as a highway Surveyor

be returned to Cap^t Edw^d Durant Surveyor for the present year for him to See what is not now work^d out to be work^d out in the same deftrict under his directions sum time before the first of July, and if not work^d out by the first of July next what remains then unpaid to be return^d to the affsors, in order to be put into the next Town tax

Town road or private way, laid out as follows—

Laid out in the Town of Fitchburg a Town or private way begining at a small Chesnut Tree about 12 rods South of Samuel Taylors barn thence runing East north-erly to a marked logg in the fence thence Easterly to a dry pine Tree in Kendolls Intervel & on to a marked pine East of the Bridge from said Tree a direct Corse to Kin-dolls sawmill to a marked pine tree, thence a little more north to a Stake in Said Mill yard, thence a Streight Corse to Daniel Harrifs^s fence west of where the road is now trod & as said fence is laid to the old County road & on the same direction to the Turnpike road about 12 rods west of the new Bridge, the road to be two rods wide & to be made South & East of the bounds theirol, the owners of the Land Except Cap^t Ward agreed to give the land provided the road is, fenced out, dated at Fitchburg this Sixth day April 1801. Israel Turner }
Abijah Goodridge } Selectmen

Voted to accept the report for the above defcribed road so far as it is given without any expence to the Town

Voted to disolve this meeting, and the meeting was accordingly disolved

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[135] Worcester fs To either the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town being
twenty one years of age and resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said Town, of the Annual income of Ten dollars or an estate to the value of Two hundred Dollars, to meet at the meeting house in said Fitchburg

on munday the eleventh day of May next at two of the Clock P. M. for the purpose of chusing a representative to reprent them at the General Court appointed to be convened, and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings on or before said day—Given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this twenty fourth day of April AD. 1801

Israel Turner }
 Reuben Smith } Selectmen
 Peter Snow }

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote for a representative to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned
 Thomas French Conftable

Fitchburg May 11th 1801.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday y^e 11th day of May 1801 in order to chufe a representative

The meeting opened by the Selectmen, and a vote put to see if the Town would send a representative the present year, and it pafs^d in the affirmative

The votes called for counted & sorted and made choice of Joseph Fox for their representative

Israel Turner }
 Reuben Smith } Selectmen
 Peter Snow }
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting,

(Seal) You are hereby directed in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings
 viz. such as pay to one Single tax tax besides the Pool
 or Pools, a sum equal to two thirds of a single Pole tax,
 to meet and affemble at the meeting houle in said Fitch-

burg on munday the Eleventh day of may at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

[136] 2^y To see if the Town will here the report of a committee chosen to wait on the Reve^d Samuel Worcester, who ware to request his anfw^r respecting the dissolution of the contract made between him and the Town or act any thing theiron they may think proper . . .

3^y To see if the town will do any thing in regard to the Defsalution of the contract made with the Reve^d Samuel Worcester, either by chusing a counfel, if agreed upon, or act any thing respecting his dismfision the Town may think propper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings on or before said day given under our hands and Seals this Twenty fourth day of April AD. 1801.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and the other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town meetings as the Law directs to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Constable.

Fitchburg May 11th 1801

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday y^e 11th day of May 1801

Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Moderator

Voted to excuse Daniel Putnum Esq^r as Serving as moderator

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

Voted to chuse a committee to consider the anfw^r The Reve^d M^r Worcester presented the Town this day respecting his dismfision

Voted that the committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Afa Perry, Joseph Fox, Ephraim Kimboll & Daniel Putnam Esq^r

Voted to add four to this committee, viz M^r Paul

Wetherbee, Deacon Boutell, M^r. David Boutell, & Cap^t. William Brown.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour in order for the above committee to make their report to the Town.

The Town meet according to adjournment

The committee that was appointed to confider the anfwer the Rev^d. M^r. Worcester presented the Town this day respecting his difmiffion beg lieve to report as follows (viz) We have talked over the matter and cannot at this time make a proper report to his anfwer but would suggest to the Town that it is our oppinion that the Town chufe a committee to confer with M^r. Worcester with regard to difolving the contract with him, and his anfwer, and that the committee make report to the Town at sum future meeting as soon as is convenient.

Voted to accept the above report.

Voted to chufe five as a committee to wait upon M^r. Worcester and confer with him with regard to the contract made with him & the anfwer he presented the Town this day, and the committee to make their report at sum future meeting as [137] as soon as is convenient.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, Israel Turner Esq^r. M^r. Afa Perry M^r. David Boutell and Cap^t. Edward Durant a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned for one fortnight from this day at two oClock in the afternoon and the meeting was accordingly adjourned

On munday May 25th 1801 The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened

The committee chosen by the Town of Fitchburg on y^e. 11th day of may 1801 to wait upon the Rev^d. Sam^l. Worcester, in order to confer with him with regard to the contract the Town made with him, and the anfwer he presented to the Town on y^e. 11th which anfwer was dated the 9th instant and for their report to be made at sum future meeting, report as follows viz.

The committee chosen by the Town of Fitchburg on the 11th day of May 1801 to wait upon the Rev^d. Sam^l. Worcester in order to confer with him with regard to the

contract the Town made with him, and the answer he presented the Town on y^e 11th which answer was dated the 9th Inst and for their report to be made at sum future meeting report as follows viz—

That they have waited on M^r Worcester and conversed with him respecting his answer to the Town, and though he chose not to recede from any of the articles he had communicated to the Town yet gave his word that he sincerely wished that a disallution of the contract between the Town and him might take place in an easy, and peaceable way, and as soon as it could be done in a regular manner, and that he would represent to the Council that it is his oppinion that it is best for the Town, and for himself, that the contract be dissolved, and M^r Worcester also says he expects no compensation from the Town in consequence of the Contract being dissolved, and your committee are of oppinion that he will abide by what he has promised; and they give it as their oppinion that it is best to accept of his answer and proceed on the business agreeable to his Statement provided the Council sets on the business any time between this day and the middle of August next, But it shall be understood that if a disallution of the contract does not take place on y^e meeting of the Council contemplated, that the Town foregoes no priviledge they now possess in consequence of their accepting of M^r Worcesters answer.

Joseph Fox	}	Committee
Israel Turner		
Afa Perry		
David Boutell		
Edward Durant		

Fitchburg May 12th 1801

Voted to accept of M^r Worcesters proposals to the Town respecting his dismission upon the prinables as stated in the above report.

Voted to chuse a committee to wait upon M^r Worcester and present him a copy of the proceedings of the Town in answer to his propofalls with regard to his dismission and for the committee to lay before the Council the contract made with M^r Worcester and the votes of the Town respecting M^r Worcesters Dismission also for the

Committee to provide for the Council when they shall attend upon the befiness.

Voted to chuse five as a committee

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r. Doc^t Peter Snow, Mr Afa Perry, Mr David Boutell and Mr Paul Wetherbee a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the last wednesday of June next at two oClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place, and the meeting was accordingly adjorned

Wednesday y^e 24th June 1801 The Town meet according to adjornment & y^e meeting oppened

Voted to chuse a committee to confer with the Rev^d Mr Worcester with respect to a disallution of the contract between him & the Town & make their report at sum future meeting.

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Cap^t Edward Durant, Mr Paul Wetherbee & M^r Reuben Smith to be a committee for the above purpose

voted that the committee make their report at the adjornment.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the second munday in August next at two oClock in the afternoon and the meeting was accordingly adjorned.

[138] On munday the 10th of August 1801 the Town meet according to adjornment and the meeting oppened.

Fitchburg June 27th 1801

We, the Subscribers being chosen a committee to confer with the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester with respect to a disallution of the Contract between him & the Town, have attended to that befiness and report as follows (viz)

M^r Worcester Says he is not willing to attend to the befiness unless it can be in a regular way and Supposes, that we are not in order, and would not tell us any way that he would attend to the matter.

Edward Durant)
Paul Wetherbee) Committee

A Question was moved and Seconded to see if the Town would act upon the Refult of the Council to know

whether they would accept of it or not and it pass^d in the affirmative

a motion was then made to know the minds of the Town whether they would accept of the result of the Council. the vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative.

The result was as follows (viz)

At an Ecclesiastical Council convened at the house of Cap^t W^m Browns in Fitchburg in consequence of letters missive from the Pastor & church of Christ in said Town were present from y^e

Church in	Pastures	Delegates
Ashburnham	John Cushing	{ Mr W ^m Stearns Mr Joshua Smith Esq ^r
Royalston	Joseph Lee	{ Mr Daniel Bragg
Reverend ^s		{ D ⁿ Benj ^a Kingsbury
Rindge	Seth Payson	{ D ^r Edward Jewett Esq ^r
First church in Worcester	Sam ^l Austin	{ D ^r John Chamberlin
Mafon	Ebn ^t Hill	{ Mr Henchman Warren Mr Noah Winship

The above named Pastures & Deligates formed themselves into a Council by chusing y^e Rev^d Mr Cushing Moderator & Seth Payson Scribe, At the request of the parties adjourned to the meeting house & after seeking divine Direction, attending to the Several Statements & communications by the Rev^d Mr Worcester & the respective Committees of the Church & Town, & solemnly deliberating upon & weighing impartially y^e things offered to our consideration, came to the following Result. (viz)

Although a spirit of Division & Seperation appears to have been most unhappily prevalent among the people of Fitchburg in consequence of which y^e situation of their Rev^d Pasture is rendered very uncomfortable, & the prospects of his Usefullness among them greatly impaired, yet taking into view y^e continuing & even increasing attachment of y^e Church to M^r Worcester the Union which subsists among those who have not seperated themselves to other Denominations, & the chearfull readiness of M^r Wor-

cesters Friends, exprest by the Committee of the Church to submit to y^e increased burden of his Support, we cannot conceive that it will be promotive of y^e interests of Religion [139] in general or the welfare of this particular Society that M^r Worcesters pastoreal Relation to them should be dissolved and we feel our—bound to recommend to M^r Worcester that he submit still longer to the inconveniences of his Situation, trusting in that God who can change our darkest prospects, & increase the consolatives of his Suffering Servants in propotion to their Trials, We have not been inattentive to the fair Prospects which invite M^r Worcesters Removal, & the Sacrifice which he is called to make by a compliance with this request, yet, believing that y^e greatest Good in his view is the interest of Religion, we doubt not his ready compliance with what we now unitedly recommend to him as the path of duty. We are not insensable that this result is very defirent from y^e expectations of many, but we persnade ourselves y^e propriety of it will be obvious to those who take a serious view of the respectable numbers of this Church warmly attached to M^r Worcester and the considerable majority of those yet forming the Congregational Society in this place, who seem desirous of his continuance with them; it being evident from written statements that from the number one hundred & eighty five voters, there are Seventy who have exprefsly & by name manifested a desire that M^r Worcester should tarry with them, & that fifty two have withdrawn under a compact for the support of Univarfal Teachers, leaving a remainder of sixty three some of whome are of defirent denominations, & y^e remainder, at least many of them have not exprest their Sentiments. While we cannot but expres our tender Sympathy with y^e Rev^d Pastor of this Church under the weight of so formidable & we think so unreasonable & unchristian an opposition, as exists in this Town to him & his ministry, we are extreemly happy to find that he is exonerated, even by y^e united testimony of his opposers from all imputations of irreligious & immoral conduct—that his discharge of the duties of the Christian minestry, has ben apparently so

faithfull & so faultless, and that while he has been officially Set for the defence of the Gospell, he has contended so earnestly, & for ought that appears to the Contrary, so discreetly for the Faith once delivered to the Saints, We most earnestly supplicate for him ye anointings of divine Grace, the Confolatives of habitual Communion with his ever present Redeemer, Such acceptance with the people of this Town as will render his labours extensively usefull, & a happy probation for a triumphant exchange of ye afflictions of this state of trials, for the Joys of a better world. We are confident that he will not shrink from the faithfull Labours, or be removed from ye firm & inflexible defence of the glorious Gospel of Christ, to whatever conflicts he may be reduced, in this day of growing Scepticism & enfidelity, & that he will continue Stedfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, under the strong asurance that his Labour shall not be in vain in the Lord. The Council are extremely happy to find this Church, as a branch of ye Kingdom of our dear Lord, so apparently establish in the faith, so united, so affectionate, & so faithfull in holding fast the word of Truth, & maintaining ye all important concern of the disciplinary purity of Christs house. We congratulate them on the pleasing Symtoms of ye presence of God with them, by which they are influenced to arise & trim their Lamps, & to stand as a part of the Hosts of the Lord, in opposition to that flood of demoralization & error which threatens to inundate ye Land. We exhort them to put on bowels of mercy towards those whose Efforts ar directed, or which seem to be directed, to weaken their Christian hopes, & to betray them into a dereliction of Gospel Truth, & Gospel Zeal; to be meak and inoffensive in all their ways, & to glorify God in their bodies, & in their spirits which are his.

As the Council cannot dicern any Justifiable reason why so considerable a portion of ye people of this Town should become difaffected to ye ministry of ye Rev^d Mr Worcester, as nothing whatever is alledged against his personal Character, or ministerial Respectability, as it is not made evident that ye currant of his preaching, is the

exhibition of any other doctrines than those, which he was understood to hold at the time of his ordination, & which are established in the Platform of y^e generallity of New England Churches; & the Formula^s of most protestant Churches in Amiraca, & in Europe, we beg of them Seriously to deliberate, whether they can Justify their alienation under the Eye of the Sovereign of y^e World — whether it really promises to issue in the harmony & happiness of y^e Town — in the advancement of true Religion here, or y^e augmentation of any well formed hopes of future Glory. Though it is not the province of the Council to determine any legal Questions respecting any property which is deemed common, & they have no inclination to interfere with any of the civil or religious Rights of any Individuals, or bodies, yet, they beg leave to Suggest, that they are of opinion that the Church ought not to be denied those accomedations, for the celebration of such ordinary acts of Worship and Duty, as have been considered as assential to its Existance and prosperity from its foundation. The Council cannot give any countenance to those irregular & equivocal measures which appear to have been adopted to strip y^e Church of its Priviledges in this respect & to take from them a pasture apparently so dear to them, we hope that so unhappy a precedent will not be drawn into General indulgence. We beg for the best prosperity of this church & Town, & commend you Brethren & Friends to God & y^e Word of his Grace which is able to build you up, & to give you an Inheritance among all them that are Sanctified.

voted unanimously except that one member of the Council hisatated with respect [140] respect to the expediency of M^r Worcesters continuance in this place

John Cushing Moderator

a true copy

attest

Seth Payson scribe

Voted to disolve this meeting

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to no-
(Seal) tify and warn the Inhabitants of Fitchburg Qualli-
fied to vote in Town meetings as the Law directs
to meet and assemble at the New meeting house in Fitch-
burg on munday the tenth day of August next at Three
oClock P. M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will raise any Sum of money
to repair the bridges or for any other necessary charges
they may think proper.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse an agent or agents
to attend at the Court of Common pleas to be holden at
Worcester in August next to oppose the report of a view-
ing Committee making certain alterations in the County
roads through the Town of Fitchburg or act any thing
theiron respecting said alterations the Town may think
proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings theiron on or before said day given under
our hands & seals this Twenty seventh day of July AD.
1801

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

August 10th 1801

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
Inhabitants of said Town Quallified as the Law directs to
vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place and
for the purposes within mentioned.

Abijah Goodridge Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg assembled on munday the 10th day of Oct^r 1801

Voted & chose M^r Thomas Eaton Moderator

\$300 Voted to raise Three hundred dollars in addi-
tion to what is already voted at sum former meeting to
defray the expence of building and repairing bridges and
other necessary Expences

Voted to chuse an agent to attend the Court of Common pleas to be holden at Worcester at August Term to oppose the report of a viewing Committee making alterations in the County road through the the Town of Fitchburg

Voted to reconsider the last vote respecting chusing an agent to attend the Court of Common pleas at August pleas at August term

Voted to chuse a committee to view the proposed alterations in the County road and make a report the probable expence at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to chuse Three as a committee for the above purpose.

Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Doe^t Peter Snow & Joseph Fox.

Voted to add two to the above committee free from from expence.

[141] Voted and chose M^r Afa Perry & Israel Turner Esq^r

Voted to excuse Israel Turner Esq^r from serving on the above committee

Voted and chose M^r Paul Wetherbee in the room of Israel Turner Esq^r dismissed

Voted to excuse M^r Afa Perry from serving on the above committee

Voted to chuse Cap^t Edward Durant to serve on the above committee in the room of M^r Afa Perry excused.

Voted to adjourn this meeting a fortnight from next wednesday at five oClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place.

August 26th 1801 The Town meet according to adjournment the meeting opened by the Town Clerk. M^r Tho^s Eaton the moderator being absent.

It was motioned and Seconded to chuse Maj^r Benja Marshall Moderator pro tempore the vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative and he was accordingly chosen

It was motioned and seconded to see if the Town would chuse an agent to oppose the proposed alterations in the County road in Fitchburg at the next Court of

General Sefsions of the Peace to be holden in Worcester this present month.

The vote being put it pass'd in the affirmative.

Voted to chuse Israel Turner Esq^r an agent for the above purpose

Voted to excuse Israel Turner Esq^r from serving as an agent.

Voted to chuse Mr Paul Wetherbee an agent for the above purpose

Voted that the agent act discrefanery with regard to opposing the alterations or any part as he shall think proper

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Benja^a Marshall Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify & warn
(Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town
(Seal) quallified by law to vote in Town meetings (viz)
such as pay to one single tax besides the Pool or
Pools a sum eaquel to two thirds of a single Poole tax
to meet and affemble at the meeting houfe in said Fitch-
burg on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of August in-
ftant at three oClock P. M. to act on the following arti-
cles (viz)

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will give to each Society in
said Town the Use of the meeting houfe on Sundays in
propotion to the taxes they pay, agreable to a late vote
of the town or act any thing theiron respecting the Divi-
fion of said Houfe they may think proper

Given under our hands and seals this tenth day of
August AD 1801

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Joseph Polly		
Abijah Goodridge		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house in said Town at the time & place & for the purpofes above mentioned

Thomas French Conftable

Fitchburg August 26th 1801

[142] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 26th day of August 1801

Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee moderator

It was moved & Seconded to know the minds of the Town to see if each Society in said Town should have the Use of meeting house on Sundays in propotion to the taxes they pay agreable to a late vote of the Town

The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative

It was moved & seconded to see if the Town will chufe a committee to Enquire into the number of Regular Christian Conftatutational Societies in said Town

The vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative

It was motioned and Seconded to difsole this meeting and it was accordly difsolved by vote.

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufets to notify and
(Seal) warn the Inhabitants quallified by law to vote in
(Seal) Town meetings to meet and afsemble at the meeting houfe in said Fitchburg on tusday the Seventeenth day of November instant at one of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To chufe a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will take into confideration the contract made with the Reve^d Samuel Worcester and act any thing theiron refpecting a difallution of said contract as they shall think will be most for the peace and happiness of the Town.

3 To see if the Town will chuse a committee from each party in the Town to confer together, upon the difficulties Subsisting in the Town, and upon a Union of the parties, and also the expediency of the disallution of the Contract made with the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester, & if necessary to confer with him on the befiness.

4 To see if the Town will do any thing respecting chusing a mutual Council with The Rev^d Sam^l Worcester, or agreeing upon a Council in any other way they may think proper.

5 To see if the Town will dismis the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester from any further ministerial Services in the Town, & notify him of it, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

6 To see if the Town will raise any money to support publick teachers the Insuing year.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant on or before said day.—given under of hands and Seals this Second day of Nov^r AD. 1801

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polly	

[143] Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants of the said Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings as the Law directs to meet at the time & place for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg Nov^r 17th 1801. Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on tusday the 17th day of Nov^r 1801.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r moderator

A vote was put to see whether the Town will pafs over the 2nd article in the warrant and it pafs^d in the negative.

It was motioned & seconded to see if it is the minds of the Town that a disallution of the contract between the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester and the Town be dissolved.

The vote being put it pafs^d in the affermative.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will pass over the 3rd article in the warrant. The vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will chuse a committee to wait upon The Rev^d Sam^l Worcester in order for them, that is the Committee & M^r Worcester to agree upon a Council in order that a disallowance of the contract between The Town & M^r Worcester take place

The vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative.

Voted to chuse five as a committee for the above purpose

Voted & chose Deacon Kendol Boutell, M^r Paul Wetherbee, Joseph Fox Cap^t William Brown, M^r Asa Perry.

Voted to excuse Deacon Kendol Boutell as serving on the above committee as he refused to Serve.

Voted & chose M^r Moses Hale as one of the above committee in the room of Deacon Boutell excused.

Voted to excuse M^r Moses Hale for serving on the above committee as he refused to serve.

Voted & chose M^r Thomas Cowdin as one of the above committee in the room of M^r Hale excused. . .

Voted to add two more to the above committee

Voted & chose Cap^t Edward Durant & Doc^t Peter Snow to be added to the above committee.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will dismiss the Rev^d Samuel Worcester from any further Ministerial Service in this Town & notify him of it. The vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative

Voted to reconsider the last vote.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour then to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

[144] The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened.

Voted to take up the 3rd article in the warrant, to act upon it.

It was motioned and seconded to know the minds of the Town whether they would chuse a committee from each party in the Town, to confer together upon the defi-

culties Subsisting in the Town. The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative.

Voted that the Committee consist of nine, three from each party.

Voted & chose Daniel Putnum Esq^r Mr John Thurston Jun^r & Mr Eph^r Kimboll on the part that consisted of Mr Worcesters friends as was exprefs^d

Joseph Fox, Mr Afa Perry, & Mr Paul Wetherbee, on the part belonging to the east part of the Town. Mr Joseph Polly, Mr Benja^a Herrick & Maj^r Benja^a Marhall on the part that belonged to the west part of the Town.

Voted that the Committee make their report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first munday in December next at one oClock then to meet at this place. And the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

The Town meet on munday the 7th December according to adjournment & the meeting opened.

The committee of nine appointed by the Town to meet and consult upon the difficulties Subsisting in the Town made their report as follows (viz)

The committee voted that while Mr Worcester was our minester the Town would not be united. Unanimus

Also it was the minds of the committee that if Mr Worcester was dismissed the Town would not be united 5 against 4.

Also that it would be for the peace of the Town, and the interest of the Town and for the Interest of Religion that the contract with m^r Worcester should be dissolved 4 against 3. Mr Polly would not say in the last case nor myself

Daniel Putnam p^r order

Fitchburg Nov^r 27th 1801.

Voted that the report of the committee lie upon the files in the Clerks office.

The committee appointed to confer with Mr Worcester relative to chusing a Council made their report as follows viz.

The committee appointed by the Town of Fitchburg assembled on the 17th Nov^r 1801 by their vote, to wait

upon the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester in order to agree with him upon a council that a difallution of the contract between the Town & M^r Worcester take place, have attended that Service, and make their report as follows (viz)

On the 3rd December 1801, We meet The Rev^d M^r Worcester, and a committee from the Church who we understood was chosen by the Church to assist with M^r Worcester for the purpose expres^d in our Commis^sion. after debating upon the beⁿefits, M^r Worcester and the committee from the Church informed us that if a Council was to be agreeded upon it altogether belonged to the Minister & Church to agree upon them, And that the Town had no right to a voice in the choice of the Council, And by the explanation of their right, it was not in our power to accomplish the beⁿefits for which we were appointed, unless the Town was excluded from any choice and give up all right that the Town claimed, which we conceived to be an equal right with M^r Worcester. We strove hard to convince them that the Town in a Joint vote ought to have an Equal voice with M^r Worcester in chusing the Council in the same way that the contract was made, but notwithstanding all we could Say upon the Justice & reasonableness of it, Still they say all the right for the choice of a council is in the Minister & the Church. Therefore we could not consent [145] to give up what we supposed was the Towns right, and so our conference ended, excepting the conditions upon which M^r Worcester proposed to submit the matter to the Council, which was handed to the Committee in writing and we shall now communicate to the Town.

Paul Wetherbee p^r order of the Committee.

Here follows the propofals of M^r Worcester.

In consequence of an application of the town of Fitchburg through the medium of a committee, appointed to confer with me, relative to a council for my dismission I offer the following proposals.

1. A council shall be called in the regular ecclesiastical manner If there can be such an understanding, between the Town, and the Church, as that the choice of the

Council may be Satisfactory to the Town, it will be a circumstance very agreeable to me.

2. To the council it shall be submitted, whether it be expedient for a dismission to take place; and if it be upon what terms, due regard being had to the contract.

3. If any allegations are to be brought before the council against me, they shall be fairly exhibited to me in writing at least fourteen days prior to the Sessions of the council, it shall be particularly understood, that I shrink not from the fullest investigation, both of my Sentiments and conduct

Fitchburg 3rd Dec. 1801.

Samuel Worcester.

To M^r Paul Wetherbee chairman of the Committee of the Town.

Voted that the report of the Committee & M^r Worcester's proposals lie upon the files in the Clerks office.

It was motioned & seconded, That this Town have used their endeavours to obtain a mutual Council agreeable to the true intent of the contract entered into between them and the Rev^d Samuel Worcester as express^d in the same contract and being unable to obtain the Same by reason of his declension & refusal they now declare that they consider the Contract for his Support defolved, and that they have no right to, nor any occasion for his future services as a minister, Teacher, or publick Instructor in this Town, and that they have a right to imploy any other Preacher or publick Instructor when ever the Town shall think it proper so to do.

The vote being put it pass^d in the affirmative.

Voted to chuse a committee to notify The Rev^d Samuel Worcester of the above vote, & present him with a copy of the same, that he may govern himself accordingly

Voted that the committee consist of three.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, Cap^t Will^m Brown, & M^r Paul Wetherbee a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to raise One hundred & thirty dollars for the purpose of hiring preaching

Voted to disolve this meeting. and the meeting was accordingly dissolved —

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[146] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and
 (Seal) warn verbally the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at the meeting house on munday the Seventh day of this instant December at three oClock P. M and when meet to act on the following articles (Viz)

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will hire preaching, or act any thing theiron respecting supplying the pulpit the Town may think proper.

3 To see if the Town will give the Saxton any orders respecting opening the meeting house on Sundays, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings to sum one of us

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warn,d the Inhabitants as within directed.

Thomas French Constable

Fitchburg December 7th 1801

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 7th of December 1801

1 Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Voted to hire preaching

Voted to chuse a committee to hire preaching & supply the pulpit

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee, Joseph Fox, M^r David Boutell a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to add two more to the above committee

Voted & chose Cap^t W^m Brown & M^r Daniel Farwell to be added to the above committee

Voted that the Saxton be directed not to open the meeting house doors upon any Occasion unless, it should

be by the direction of the Selectmen, or the committee chosen to hire preaching to supply the pulpit.

Voted to disolve this meeting. & the meeting was accordingly disolved.

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[147] Division of the School money for the year 1801 —

Cap ^t Edward Durant	N ^o 1	\$84..58..4
Amos Parce	N ^o 2	42..68..1
Joseph Simonds	N ^o 3	38..02..4
Ephraim Osborn	N ^o 4	36..48..9
David Pratt	N ^o 5	27..16..0
Jabez Sawyer	N ^o 6	35..93..5
Benj ^a Kemp	N ^o 7	33..36..9
George Wood	N ^o 8	44..23..3
Simeon Shattuck	N ^o 9	55..87..3
Amos Ordway	N ^o 10	64..40..3
Solomon Gibson	N ^o 11	37..24..9

Fitchburg Jan ^y 9 th 1802	Israel Turner	} Selectmen
	Reuben Smith	
	Peter Snow	
	Abijah Goodridge	
	Joseph Polly	

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 (Seal) Town quallified by law to vote in Town meetings,
 (Seal) Viz. such as pay to one Single tax besides the Pool
 or Pools, a sum equal to two thirds of a single
 Pool tax to meet & affemble at the meeting house on
 munday the first day of March next, at nine of the Clock
 in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz

1^{ly} To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To chuse a Town Clerk, Town Trefurer, Selectmen and all other Town offcers as the Law directs, and act any thing respecting chusing Collectors the Town may think proper.

3^{ly} To see if the will raise a sum of money Sufficient to pay the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester for his Services from the 27th day of Sep^r 1801 to December 7th 1801 or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper.

4^{ly} To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to Supply the Pulpit the enfuing year, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

5 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year enfuing year or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

6 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to pay the Towns debts and other necessary charges the year enfuing.

7 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair the Highways & bridges the Enfuing year.

8 To see what method the Town will take to support their Poor the year enfuing or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper.

9 To see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with the Town Treafurer.

10 To see if the Town will vote to let the swine to run at Large under the regulation of the Law the present year.

[148] 11^{ly} To see if the Town will chuse a Saxton or Saxtons to take care of the meeting house and burying Ground the year enfuing or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

12 To see if the Town will accept of any road or roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings to sum one of us on or before said day. Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of February AD 1802.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polly	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg Febr^y 27th 1802 Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 1st day of March 1802.

Voted & chose Mr Afa Perry Moderator

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour then to meet at the house of Cap^t Will^m Browns

The Town meet according to adjournment & meeting opened.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the meeting house their to meet in five minutes from this time & the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

between 60 & 70 voters present The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk.

Voted & Chose Mr Paul Wetherbee Town Treasurer

. Town Treasurer

Voted to chuse five Selectmen for the present year, and they to Serve & have pay for no other Services than they had the last year.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Mr Reuben Smith, Doc^t Peter Snow Mr Abijah Goodridge, & Mr Joseph Polley Selectmen Selectmen.

Voted to chuse Three Assessors for the present year

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Mr Reuben Smith & Doc^t Peter Snow Assessors.

Voted to accept the list of the Jurymen as presented by the Selectmen

Voted to chuse a committee to let out the Collectorship and that the committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Cap^t Edward Durant, Doc^t Peter Snow, Joseph Fox Mr Afa Perry & Cap^t Allen Hallet. Voted to add two more to the above committee Voted & chose Mr Amos Ordway & Mr David Boutell

. committee to let out the Collectorship

Voted that the Collectorship be let out at the house of Cap^t Will^m Browns at half after three this afternoon and those persons that bid of the Collectorship are to bring two good bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town & the Committee to make their report at the adjournment

[149] Voted & chose Maj^r John Goodridge, Cap^t Allen Hallet, M^r Amos Parce M^r David Bawldin M^r Solomon Gibson, M^r Phinehas Brown, M^r Jacob Jaquith, Lieu^t Daniel Putnam Ju^r M^r Levi Farwell, M^r Joseph Polley, M^r Zachariah Sheldin, M^r Joseph Low, M^r Eph^r Osborn, Deacon Ebn^r Thurston & M^r Thomas Eaton highway Surveyors and they to allow the same as last year for Labour &c Highway Surveyors

Voted to Raife two hundred Pounds to repair the highways & bridges the present year

Voted & chose M^r Demon M^r John Farwell Ju^r M^r Joseph Holt Ju^r M^r Jacob Upton, M^r Silvester P. Flint, M^r John Willard, M^r George W. Chaplin M^r Thos Eaton Ju^r M^r Levi Farwell, M^r Benj^a Parker, M^r John Badcock M^r Micah Shattuck, M^r William Brown Ju^r & M^r Mofes Jewett Hoggreaves

Voted & chose M^r Thomas Hilton & M^r John Smith

. Firewards

Voted & chose M^r John Willard & M^r William Small

. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose M^r Peter Haskiel & M^r Benj^a Fuller

. Field drivers

Voted & chose M^r Timothy Garfield & M^r Joseph Simonds Sealers of leather

Voted & chose M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r . Pound keeper

Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Ju^r & M^r Joseph Simonds Tytheingmen

Voted & chose M^r John R. Kemp

. Surveyors of hoops & Staves

Voted & chose M^r David Macintire Sworn 2nd July 1802
& M^r David Boutell Sworn 2nd July 1802 . . Fence viewers

Voted to raise Twenty pounds to pay M^r Worcester for his Services as a Minester from the 27 Sep^t to the 7th December last.

Voted that the Town Treafurer be directed to pay the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester for his Servifes as a Minefter from the 27 Sep^t 1801 to the 7th December last past and that he take his rec^pt for the Same.

Voted to pafs over the fourth article in the warrant for the present

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars for the support of schools the present year

Voted to chuse a committee to lay out the school money in the same way and manner as last year.

Voted & chose M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r Maj^r John Goodridge Deacon John Farwell M^r Joseph Downes M^r Benj^a Fuller M^r Tho^s Cowdin, M^r Amos Sheldin M^r Sam^l Gibson M^r Benj^a Herrick M^r Joseph Farnsworth & M^r Reuben Gibson. School Committee

Voted that each Quarter be reftricted to their own quarter.

Voted that the school committeemen be directed to agree with the Masters & Mistrises upon the same prin-sables as last year respecting their being allowed for Sat-terdays in the afternoons and on publick days unless they keep the schools.

Voted to pafs over the 7th article in the warrant for the present

Voted to chuse a committee to let out the Poor as useal in years past.

Voted that the committee consist of Nine.

Voted & chose Maj^r John Goodridge, M^r Joseph Polley M^r Jacob Gibson, Cap^t James Cowdin M^r Aaron Eaton M^r David Macintire M^r Benj^a Fuller, M^r Tho^s French & M^r Daniel Farwell

Voted that the committee proceed upon the befinels at four OClock this afternoon at the house of Cap^t Will^m Browns and make their report at the adjournment

Voted to chuse a committee to Settle with the Town Treafurer and they to make report at the adjournment.

Voted to chuse three as a committee

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Israel Turner Esq^r & Doct^r Peter Snow a committee for the above purpose

. Committee to settle with y^e Treafurer

Voted that the Swine go at large under the regulation of the Law the present year

Voted to let out the Saxton befinels by way of Vendue at the house of Cap^t Will^m Browns at four oClock this afternoon

Voted that the Committee consist of three

[150] Voted & chose Mr Jonas Marhall Junr Mr Abijah Goodridge & Mr Verian Daniels to a committee for the above purpose and make their report at the adjournment

Voted to be adjourn this meeting for one fortnight from this time, at one OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place

March 15th 1802.

The town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened.

Voted to pass over the fourth article for the present.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee that was chosen to settle with the Treafurer, which report is as follows Viz

Fitchburg March 11th 1802

We the Subscribers a committee to settle with the Town Treafurer find in the hands of the Collectors & others (viz)

We find in the hand of Ezra Ritter	\$25..53 —
We find an obligation in the Treafurers hands against Ephraim Kimboll dated Jan ^y 30 th 1800 Interest to be paid Annually for \$100. One years Interest paid	100..00
One note against John Putnam dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest	12..00
One note against William Brown dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest,	18..17
One note against William Brown dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest,	4..16
One note against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest,	3..50
One note against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest,	19..00
One note against William Small dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the Interest	10..25

One note against William Small dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on this note besides the In- terest,	4..25	
We find in the hands of the Treafurer a Con- fession signd by Maj ^r John Goodridge dated May 13 th 1800 for	25..15	
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Col- lector for the year 1801 Town Rate . . .	592..14	
We find in the hands of Thomas French Col- lector for the year 1801 Town Rate . . .	339..80	
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Col- lector for the year 1801 tax to supply the Pulpet	81..48	
We find in the hands of Thomas French Col- lector for the year 1801 tax to supply the Pulpet	57..56	
We find in the Treasurers hands not accounted for	171..94..3	
[151] We find the Town of Fitchburg indebted to sundry persons viz		
Jonathan Smith besides the Interest	\$217..59	
Notes due to Joseph Fox besides the Interest	503..06	
To the Widow Hannah Cowdin it being her due towards the old meeting houfe besides what she has rec ^d	14..79	
Due to the Pew Holders in the old meeting houfe	67..83	
Due to the Rev ^d Sam ^l Worcester for his Ser- vices as a Minefter for the 27 th Sep ^t 1801 to 7 th December	64..83	
Errors Excepted	Joseph Fox Israel Turner Peter Snow } Committee	
Paul Wetherbee Town Treafurer		

Voted to accept of the report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Town treasurer as reported above.

Voted to raise Seven hundred dollars to pay the Towns Debts & necessary charges

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the poor which is as follows (viz) . . .

This may certify that the Committee has attended to the beinefs of Selling the Towns poor, and have sold them as follows Viz.

To Sylvester P. Flint — Oliver Upton at 1/4 p^r weak.

To David Macintire — Eph^r Smith at 2/8 p^r weak.

To Jacob Upton Molly Wares said Upton to pay to the Town 2/2 for the year

John Goodridge	} Committee
James Cowdin	
Joseph Polley	
Benj ^a Fuller	
Jacob Gibson	
Daniel Farwell Ju ^r	
David Macintire	

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the Saxton beinefs viz the meeting house and burying ground which report is as follows (viz

The committee appointed to let out the Collectors beinefs have attended that Service and let out the Saxton beinefs to Thomas French at One dollar & Seventy Cents
Jonas Marshall Ju^r p^r order

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the Collector beinefs which report is as follows viz

March 1st 1802 The committee chosen by the Town for the purpose of leting out the Collectorship, have attended to the beinefs and report as follows (viz)

Set up the South side of the Town and Struck of to Thomas French at \$1..15 Cents on the hundred Dollars.

Set up the North Side of the Town and Struck of to Thomas French at \$1..10 Cents on the hundred dollars.

Peter Snow p^r order of the Committee

Voted to accept of M^r Blaney Phillips, & M^r Paul Wetherbee as bonsman for the Collector beinefs for the whole Town.

Voted & chose M^r Thomas French Collector for the whole Town the present year Collector

[152] Voted & chose Mr Thomas French Constable
 Constable

Voted to disolve this meeting, and the meeting was
 accordingly disolved

Afa Perry Moderator
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To Thomas French Constable of the
 Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitch-
 (Seal) burg of twenty one years of age & upwards, hav-
 ing a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of
 the annual income of Ten dollars or an Estate to the value
 of Two hundred dollars to meet at the meeting house on
 munday the fifth day of April next at one of the Clock in
 the afternoon, to give in their votes for Govenor, Leiuten-
 ant Govenor, Senators and Counsellors, agreable to the
 Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this
 nineteenth day of March AD 1802. Hereof fail not and
 make return of this warrant with your doings theiron on
 or before said day.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
 Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed to
 asssemble at the time & place and for the purpose within
 Mentioned.

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg asssembled on munday y^e 5th day of April 1802
 being the first munday in said month for the purpose of
 chusing a Govenor, Lieut. Govenor, Senators & Counsellors

The meeting opened and the Votes called for in order,
 counted and Sorted, and declaration made as follows viz—

Governor

For His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq ^r	70
Elbridge Gary Esq ^r	72
General Will ^m Heath	1
The Hon. Edw ^d H. Robins Esq ^r	1

Leut^t Governor

For The Hon. Edward H. Robins	64
Gen ^l William Heath	68

[153] Senators and Counfellors

For The Hon ^l Elijah Brigham Esq ^r	59
The Hon ^l Salem Town Esq ^r	60
The Hon ^l Thomas Hale Esq ^r	60
The Hon ^l Berzelial Tafts Esq ^r	60
The Hon ^l Daniel Bigelow Esq ^r	60
For Gen ^l John Whiting	60
Pliney Mirick Esq ^r	60
Edward Bangs Esq ^r	60
Moses White Esq ^r	60
Sam ^l Jones Esq ^r	60

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Joseph Polly	
Joseph Fox	Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the free holders and other Inhabitants qualified by law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house in said Fitchburg on Monday the fifth day of April next at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2nd To see if the Town will defray the expence of the Council convened at Cap^t W^m Browns on the sixteenth day of March Instant or act any thing thereon they may think proper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will accept of any roads layed out by the Selectmen or their order or act any thing theiron they may think proper. . . .

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this nineteenth day of March AD 1802

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Peruant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expressed to assemble at the time & place and for the purpose within mention.

Thomas French Conftable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 5th day of April 1802.

Voted & chose Daniel Putnam Esq^r moderator

Voted to pafs over the 2nd article in the warrant

Voted to Accept the report of A road as it is laid out by the Selectmen for the benefit of Solomon Gibson which report and discription of the road is as follows — viz

over

[154] We the Subscribers have lay^d out a Town road begining opefite to Solomon Gibsons house, from thence on M^r Jacob Gibsons line, till it comes to his corner opesite M^r Chase's land, thence on M^r Chase's line to the road leading to Ashby. said road is laid out two rods wide, said Land is all on said Solomon Gibsons land, and laid out for his benifit & given by him.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
Abijah Goodridge	

Fitchburg Sep^t 16th 1801

Voted to accept the report of A road with the amendment as it is laid out by the Selectmen for the benifit of Timothy Batchelor which report is as follows (viz)

The Subscribers by request of M^r Timothy Batchelor have laid out a bridle road one rod wide on land of M^r Amos Lawrence, and is bounded as follows (Viz) begining

at the Town road leading to Ashby at an old chesnut Stump, Just within M^r Lawrences fence, from thence a strait line to a small white Oak tree marked, thence to a small chesnut tree marked, thence to M^r Batchelors Stone wall, Where it Joins the wall between M^r Larence & M^r Batcheldor and have appraised the damage at \$10..00

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Peter Snow }

Fitchburg December 23rd 1801

N. B. the marked trees on the East side of the road.

The Subscribers further report that M^r Batcheldor indemnify the Town from all expences that may accrew in consequence of said road, and that M^r Batcheldor erect and maintain two gates or bars, one at each End of the road; and if M^r Lawrance make any fences acrofs said road he shall erect gates or bars at his own expence which shall be convenient for said Batcheldor to use in pafsing & repafsing

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
Peter Snow }

Fitchburg April 5th 1802

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Daniel Putnam Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[155] Worcester fs. To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the male Inhabitants of said Town being
(Seal) twenty one years of age, and refident in said Town
(Seal) for the Space of One year next preceeding having a
(Seal) freehold Estate within said Town of the Annual
income of Ten dollars, or any estate to the value of Two
hundred dollars to meet at the meeting houle in said
Fitchburg on Friday the fourteenth day of may next at
two of the Clock P. M. for the purpose of chufing a
representative to represent them at the General court ap-
pointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last
Wednesday of may next.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day. Given under our hands and Seals this Twenty ninth day of April AD 1802.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Joseph Polley		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on friday y^e 14th day of May 1802 for the purpose of chusing a representative

The meeting oppened.

Voted not to Send a representative the present year to represent the Town at the General Court.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Abijah Goodridge		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

Worcester. fs. To Thomas French Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualli-
 (Seal) fied by Law to vote in Town meeting, verbally, to
 (Seal) meet and afsemble at the meeting houle in said
 Fitchburg on the thirty first day of may Instent at
 six of the Clock in the afternoon, and when met to act
 on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will chufe a committee to settle with the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester in regard to his back arearages, or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will chufe an agent or agents to obtain a discontinuance of a road lately laid out by a Courts committee round Leitches hill (so called)

[156] Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us on said day. given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this thirty first day of May 1802

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polly	

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as within directed to meet at time and place as within directed
Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 31st day of May 1802.

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Voted to chuse a committee to make a Settlement with the Reverend Samuel Worcester with regard to his back Arearages and make their report as soon as soon as is convenient.

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted & chose David Boutell, Joseph Fox, Cap^t Edward Durant, Cap^t Will^m Brown & M^r John Thurston Ju^r

Voted to adjorn this meeting for a Quarter of an hour.

The Town met according to adjornment

Voted to accept of the Propofisfion that M^r Worcester made this day by letter to the Town through the Selectmen with regard to a Settlement for the Arearages due him for his Support.

Voted to chufe a committee for the above purpose and the Committee to be authorised to make a Settlement in behalf of the Town

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee, Joseph Fox & M^r David Boutell be the Committee for the purpose of making a Settlement with the Reverend Samuel Worcester and take a discharge agreeable to his Propofisfion and make their report at sum future meeting.

Voted to chuse an agent to go to Worcester to obtain a discontinuance of a road lately laid out by a courts committee round Leitches hill (so called)

Voted to chuse Israel Turner Esqr an agent for the above purpose

Voted to disolve this meeting

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[157] To Thomas French Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) you are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of
(Seal) said Town quallified by Law to vote in Town
(Seal) meetings to meet and afsemble at the meeting houle
(Seal) in said Town on munday the thirty first day of
May instant at one of the Clock P. M. to act on the following articles Viz.

1 To chufe a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see what method the Town will take to make the New county road lately laid out from Ephr Kimboll Ju^r to Joseph Pollys, or act any thing theiron the Town may think propper.

3 To see if the Town will Sell the Land belonging to the Town lying on the South side of the road adjoining to Jonas Marshall Ju^r or act any thing theiron the Town may think propper

4 To see if the Town will purchase another burying Cloath or Cloaths for the west part of the Town or act any thing theiron they may think propper.

5 To see if the Town will excuse the Committee chosen the Seventh of December 1801 to hire publick Teachers from any further Service or act any thing theiron as they shall think propper.

6 To see what Ufe the Town will appropriate their meeting houle too the present year and Act any thing theiron as they shall think propper.

7 To see if the Town will raife any money to Supply the pulpit the enfuing Season and chufe a committee for that purpose or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper.

8 To see if the Town will oppose the eftablishing the

proposed alteration in the County road from Maj^r John Goodridge to Leominster line, or act anything therein they think proper

9 To see if the Town will comply with the request of the Committee of the Town of Westminster respecting a Division of the County or act any thing the Town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings therein on or before said day, Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of May AD. 1802.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polley	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein express^d to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned. Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 31st May 1802

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Moderator.

Voted to pass over the 2nd article in the warrant

Voted to pass over the 3rd article in the warrant respecting Selling sum of the Towns land

Voted to chuse a committee to provide burying Cloaths for each part of the Town.

Voted to chuse three as a Committee to provide burying Cloaths for each part of the Town, and they to report the expence to the Town for allowance.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox, Joseph Polley & Ephraim Kimball a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to dismiss the Committee chosen the Seventh day of December 1801 to hire publick teachers from any further Service.

Voted to chuse a committee to consider the 6th article in the warrant and report to the Town as soon as may be

Voted that the Committee consist of Seven.

[158] Voted and chose Samuel Gibson, Abraham Willard, Joseph Fox David Boutell Capt^t William Brown, John Thurston Ju^r & Daniel Putnam Esq^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned for half an hour then to meet at this place

The Town met according to adjournment and the meeting opened.

The Committee appointed to consider the 6th article in the warrant have attended to the befiness and beg leave to report (viz) that the befiness of this meeting be omitted untill another meeting be warned by verbal warning and a committee chosen for the purpose of Settling with M^r Worcester, and untill they make their report to the Town.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

And then, after another meeting was warnd by the Constables by verbal warning. The Town voted to adjourn this meeting untill half after six oClock this day then to meet at this place

The Town met according to adjournment.

Voted that each denomination in the Town be intitled to improve the meeting house on Sundays in propotion to the taxes they pay,

And on all Sundays when any denomination that is intitled to the meeting house do not wish to improve it and M^r Worcesters adhereants apply to them, and they consent that M^r Worcesters adhereants improve it the Town has no objections.

Voted to chuse a committee to propotion the Sundays for each denomination to improve the meeting house on Sundays in propotion to their taxes

Voted that the Committee consist of five.

Voted & chose M^r Reuben Smith, M^r John Thurston Ju^r Doe^t Peter Snow Israel Turner Esq^r & M^r Samuel Gibson, to be a committee for the above purpose and to make their report.

Voted to pafs over the 7th article in the warrant.

Voted that Israel Turner Esq^r be an agent for the Town to oppose the Efstablishing the proposed alteration in the County road from Maj^r John Goodridges to Leominster line.

Voted to comply with the request of a Committee of the Town of Westminster respecting a Division of the County for chusing an Agent or agents to attend at Gardner for the purpose exprefs^d in y^e request, providing their is no Expence to the Town for the Agent or agents that shall attend.

Voted & chose Deacon Kendol Boutell, & Cap^t William Brown agents for the above purpose and they to make their report at sum future meeting.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[159] Worcester: fs: To Thomas French Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and afsemble at the meeting houfe in said Fitchburg on thursday the Seventeenth day of June instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon, and when met to act on the following Articles (viz.).

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will raise Money to Settle the Arrearages due to the Reve^d Sam^l Worcester agreeable to a Settlement made with him by a committee chose by the Town for that purpose

3 To see if the Town will raise any money to Supply the Pulpit or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day given under our hands this first day of June AD. 1802.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town qualified as theirin Expresed to assemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday the 17th day of June 1802 —

1 Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

Voted to raise One hundred and fifty nine dollars & eighty one Cents to settle the Arrearages due to the Rev^d Sam^l Worcester agreeable to a Settlement made with him by a committee chosen for that purpose on the 31st day of May 1802, that sum together with twenty pounds that has ben raised at sum former meeting makes up the full Sum due him from y^e 17th Sep^r last untill the 1st June Instant at the time the committee made a Settlement with him & took his recpt^t

Voted not to raise any money to Supply the Pulpit the present year

Voted to disolve this meeting

the meeting was accordingly disolved

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[160] Here follows a copy of a letter M^r Worcester handed in to the Town in which is the ground work of a Settlement made with him, and likewise a copy of M^r Worcesters recpt^t to the Town for his Support untill the 1st June 1802 and forever.

Fitchburg 31st May, 1802

Gentlemen

As a majority of this Town have for sum time past manifested a wish that their contract with me for my Support might be disolved as it is thought it may conduce to the peace and harmony of the Town, should a tax upon the Town for my Support be in future dispensed with — and as a plan is now in progrefs making permanent provision for my Support without an afsesment upon the Town: — I now declare to you, and through you as the regular channel, to the Town of Fitchburg, that, provided the Town still think it best, I am willing to relinquish on my part, the Original contract for my support; and to accept in lieu of what was therein Stipulated for my Support, such provision as may otherwise be made for

the same purpose, and I propose and consent, that, from and after the day, on which the Town shall regularly notify me of their acceptance of this proposal, my present contract with the Town so far as it relates to my support, shall cease to be in force, And with a view to prevent any future contention or litigation, and Amicably to adjust, as far as pofsable, all differences and disputes, I beg leave respectfully to suggest whether it may not be adviseable for a committee to be appointed on the part of the Town to arrange and Settle with me respecting Arcarages which may be due; fully persuaded that should such a meafure be adopted, no confiderable difficulty would attend an amicable and final adjustment, this letter you will be pleased to communicate to the Town as soon as convenient.

with great respect, I am Gentlemen your very humble
Serv^t Samuel Worcester
To the Gentlemen Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg.

Fitchburg 1st June 1802 Received of Mefrs Paul Wetherbee Joseph Fox, and David Boutell, Committee appointed to make a Settlement with me in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg, the Sum of One hundred and Ninety six dollars, and forty eight cents, in full of all Arcarages due to me from said town, as a minester or religious instructor, And I do hereby declare my consent to relinquish, and do wholly and forever relinquish the contract made with me by the said Town for my Support.

Attest Sam^l Scolley Samuel Worcester

The above is a true copy of M^r Worcester's letter & his Recp^t

attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[161] Worcester. fs. To Thomas French Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house in said Town on munday the

twenty third day of August instant at Four of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town is willing that the Rev^d Mr Worcester should be continued with the Petitioners to the General Court for an incorporation for the management of a fund for the Support of the said Mr Worcester with such others as shall here after join with them upon condition that those who are not willing to contribute to his the said Mr Worcesters support, be for ever excluded from that burden, or act any thing theiron the Town may think propper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron on or before Said day, given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this ninth day of August AD. 1802

Reuben Smith }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Joseph Polley }

Gentlemen Selectmen I have rec^d a warrant from you dated August the 9th instant but I did not receive it till the 10th of this instant at about nine of the Clock, A. M. by the hand of Mr Thomas Eaton, and I put it up about Eleven oClock, A. M. Sirs I cannot make a return in the Useal form; for the Law says a warrant shall stand fourteen days, but this stands but about thirteen days.

Thomas French Constable

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on munday the 23rd August 1802 —

1 Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of said
Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings
to meet and assemble at the meeting houle on munday the

23rd day of August instant at one of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to hire preaching, and chuse a committee for that purpose or act any thing respecting supplying the pulpet they think proper.

3 To see what method the Town will take to defend the Action commenced against the the Town by John Putnam or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

[162] 4 To see if the Town will allow Joseph Fox Esq^r highway Surveyor for the year 1801 to work out the remainder of his list on the road or common, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

5 To see if the Town will refund to all those persons that were exempted from minefterial taxes by certificates their propotion of the expences of the Rev^d M^r Worcester's ordination, and the expence of the Council in June 1801 or act any thing theiron they think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day, given under our hands & Seals this Sixth day of August AD. 1802

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Joseph Polley	

Perfuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place for the purpofes within mentioned.

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday the 23rd day of August 1802

1 Voted and chose Doe^t Peter Snow Moderator

Voted not to Raise any money to hire preaching

Voted to chuse three Agents, they or either of them to defend the action comminced against the Town by John Putnam of Dracut, either by defending the action at

Court, or Submitting it to a rule, or Setling it in a private way as they shall think best.

Voted to chuse three Agents for the above purpose

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, Doct Jonas Marshall, & M^r Reuben Smith agents for the above purpose.

Voted to lay out the work remaining due on Joseph Fox list of highway taxes for the year 1801 on the Hill West of Eph^r Kimboll J^r in the middle Deftrict.

Voted that Cap^t Allen Hallet be requested to take y^e list of highway taxes that Joseph Fox had in his hands as highway Surveyor for the year 1801 and See that [163] that the remaining taxes are worked out on the hill West of Eph^r Kimboll Jur^s which is in the middle deftrict and make return of his doings to the affefsors at the time he is directed to return his list so that if their should be any deficient they may be put into the next town tax.

Voted to chuse the affefsors a committee to look into, and confider the 5th article in the warrant and make their report to the Town at sum future meeting.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for one fortnight from this day at two oClock in the afternoon.

Sept^r 6th 1802 The Town meet according to adjornment and the meeting opened.

The Affefsors as a committee after looking into and confidering the 5th article in the warrant made their report as follows (viz)

We the Subscribers a committee chosen by the Town to take into consideration the fifth article of the Warrant of the meeting respecting those that were exempted from Minefterial Taxes at the time of M^r Worcesters ordination to be reimbused their propotion of said expence and likewise the expence of the Council in June 1801 and to report at sum future meeting have attended the befiness and beg leave to report (viz) That on examining the Valuation and making the propotion for M^r Abraham Willard & M^r Joseph Polley, by working each cafe by the Rule of three find M^r Willards part to be Seventy One Cents, and M^r Joseph Polleys Sixty four Cents, and confidering every

circumstances It will take considerable time to make accurate calculations; and that their are a number more which the fifth Article in the Warrant does not comprehend, who will naturally come in for claims, do fully recommend Mr Willards motion at the last meeting which was, that the parties to give up all their demands of this kind provided the Town will give them afsurance that they shall not be taxed in future for any ministerial expences

Sep^r 6th 1802

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Committee
Peter Snow }

Voted to accept the above report.

Voted to difsolve this meeting,

and the meeting was accordingly difsolved

Peter Snow Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester: fs: To Thomas French Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

(Seal) you are hereby directed in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify & warn
(Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town
(Seal) quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to
meet and affemble at the meeting houle in Said Town on munday the eleventh day of Oct^r next at One of the Clock P. M to act on the following articles (viz,)

1st To chufe a moderator to Govern said meeting

2ⁿ To see if the Town is willing the Church of Christ together with such others as shall hereafter Join with them in making choice of a Gospell minefter in this place upon condition, that they take upon themselves the burden of his support, and such others as are not willing to contribute to his support be [164] be forever excluded from that burden or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper.

3 To see if the Town will chuse a committee with directions to confer together, in order to form a Union & hire preaching: or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

4 To see if the Town will raise a Sum of money to hire preaching: or act any thing theiron they think proper.

5 To see if the Town will build a bridge over the brook between M^r Benj^a Smiths and M^r Stephen Thurstons, or act any thing theiron they may think proper

6 To see if the Town will make any alteration in the road from Phinehas Allens, to Abraham Farwells land for the better accommedation of the traveling, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day

Given under our hands & Seals this twenty first day of Sep^r. AD 1802

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Joseph Polley	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affsembled on munday y^e 11th Oct^r 1802 —

Voted & chose Daniel Putnam Esq^r Moderator

Voted to pafs over the second article in the warrant

Voted to chuse a Committee with directions to confer together in order to form a Union, and that the Committee report to the Town in half an hour.

Voted that the Committee consist of Eight

Voted & chose Deacon Kendol Boutell, M^r Eph^r Kimboll M^r John Thurston Jun^r M^r Mofes Hale, Cap^t Edward Durant M^r David Boutell M^r Paul Wetherbee & M^r Tim^o Garfield

Voted to add Daniel Putnam Esq^r to the above Committee

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Polley Moderator Pro tem

Voted to adjorn this meeting for ten minutes then to meet at this place.

[165] The Town meet according to adjournment

Voted to take up the fifth article in the warrant

Voted to take up the Sixth article in the warrant in connection with the 5th article.

Voted to chuse a committee to view the proposed alteration in the road as proposed in the 6th article in the warrant

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted that the five Selectmen be the committee for the above purpose and they to make report at the adjournment.

Voted to take up the 3rd article in the warrant and here the report of the Committee which was chosen for that purpose and was to report in half an hour

The Committee reported as follows—viz—It is agreed by the Committee to recommend to the Town

1st That this meeting be adjourned to the first munday of November next at one oClock P. M.

2^{ly} that at the meeting on adjournment we advise to raise a sum of money Sufficient to hire preaching untill the 2nd Saboth in March next.

3^{ly} To have every man who is unwilling to be taxed to pay money to hire preaching bring in his name to the Town Clerk previous to the adjournment, & shall be exempt from Ministerial taxation

4th That a committee be chosen of eaqal numbers from each party forming the Congregational Society to hire preaching, and that all those which are exempt from payment of ministerial tax shall be excluded from the said Committee

By order of the Committee

Kendol Boutel Chairman

Octr 11th 1802.

Voted to accept the above report.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first munday of November next at One OClock P. M.

On munday y^e 1st Nov^r 1802 The Town meet according to adjournment & y^e meeting opened

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town would raise a sum of money to hire preaching untill the

2nd Sunday in March next, The vote was tryed by divid-
ing the house, & it pafs in the Negative

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was
appointed to view the road from Phinehas Allens to
Abraham Farwells which report is as follows viz

Agreable to a vote of the Town we have viewed the
proposed Alteration as directed and beg leave to report
(Viz) that it is our Opinion that it was best to wait till
it was known whether the New alteration in the County
road from M^r Eph^r Kimbolls Ju^r to M^r Hartwells should
take place or not, as the people may be Accommedated
better that way than any other way

Peter Snow p^r order of the Committee
Fitchburg Nov^r 1st 1802.

Voted to difsole this meeting.

Daniel Putnam Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[166] Worcester, fs. To Thomas French Conftable of
the Town of Town Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachusetts, to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town being
twenty one years of Age, and refident in said town
being twenty one years of age, and refident in said Town
for the Space of One year next proceeding having a free-
hold eftate within said town of the Annual income of ten
dollars, or any Eftate to the value of two hundred dollars,
to meet at the meeting house on Munday the first day of
November next at three of the Clock P. M. for the pur-
pose of chufing a Reprefentative to reprezent them in the
Congrefs of the United States to be convened at the City
of Waffington on the forth day of March next. Hereof
fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of
us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this
Sixteenth day of October AD 1802

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the Male inhabitants of the Town being twenty one years old & upwards to meet at the Time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on Munday y^e 1st Nov^r 1802 for the purpose of chusing a Representative to Congress for the North Worcester Distric

The votes called for counted & Sorted and was as follows Viz.

For William Stedman Esq^r . . . 55

For Gen^l John Whiting 64

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Joseph Polley	
Joseph Fox	Town Clerk

[167] Worcester fs. To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet & afsemble at the meeting houle in Said Town on Munday the first day of November next at four of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles Viz. . . .

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To See if the Town will raise Three hundred dollars to be laid out towards finishing the meeting house in the west part of the Town, on condition that the Societies in the West part of the Town, relinquish their right of bringing a teacher into the Towns meeting houle or act any thing theiron they may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us on or before said day given under our

hands & Seals at Fitchburg this eighteenth day of Oct:
AD. 1802

Reuben Smith }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Joseph Polley }

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified &
warned all the Inhabitants of said Town quallified by Law
to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place and
when meet to act on the articles within mentioned

Tho^s. French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 1st Nov^r 1802

Voted & chose Doc^t Peter Snow Moderator

Voted to chuse a committee to look into the 2nd article
in the warrant, and they to make their report what is
adviseable to be done respecting said article at Sum future
meeting.

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted & chose Cap^t Edward Durant, Daniel Putnam
Esq^r M^r Eph^r Kimboll Israel Turner Esq^r & M^r Abijah
Goodridge a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to disolve this meeting

Peter Snow Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[168] Worcester fs. To Thomas French Conftable of
Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the Name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
Fitchburg Quallified to vote in Town meetings to
assemble and meet at the meeting houle in Fitchburg on
Monday the 29th day of Nov^r Infant at two of the Clock
in the afternoon and when meet to act on the following
articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to
hire Preaching which sum to be affeed on the Pooles and
Estates of all the Inhabitants of the Town Excepting all

those that has been heretofore Cleared by Certificate, or act any thing thereon the Town shall think proper, Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to sum one of us on or before said day given under our hands this Eleventh day of Nov^r AD 1802

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 29th Nov^r 1802

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

Voted to raise money to hire preaching

Voted to raise Two hundred dollars to hire preaching

Voted to chuse a Committee of five to lay out the two hundred dollars for preaching.

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Richardson [*M^r Moses Hale] ^{Excused} M^r David Boutell [*Deacon Kendal Boutell] ^{Excused} Cap^t Edward Durant M^r Paul Wetherbee & Daniel Putnam Esq^r a committee for the above purpose

Voted to disolve this meeting, the meeting was accordingly Disolved

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[169] A Division of the school money made by the Subscribers agreeable to a vote of the Town.

School Committeemen for the year 1802

Jonas Marshall Jun ^r	. . .	N ^o 1	\$ 92..64..7
John Goodridge	. . . . .	2	. 47..05..8
John Farwell	. . . . .	3	. 40..44..2

*These names are canceled in the original.

Joseph Downe	4	. 36..76..5
Benja ^a Fuller	5	. 25..00..0
Thomas Cowdin	6	. 30..88..2
Amos Shelden	7	. 33..82..4
Samuel Gibson	8	. 39..70..6
Benja ^a Herrick	9	. 58..08..8
Joseph Farnfworth	10	. 60..29..4
Reuben Gibson	11	. 35..29..4

\$500..00..0

Fitchburg Decemb^r 8th 1802

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polley	

Worcester, Is To Thomas French Constable of the
Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings
to meet & assemble at the meeting house in said Town on
Friday the Twenty first day of January instant at Two of
the Clock. P. M. and when meet to act on the following
articles (viz)

1 To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will give up the County road
from Westminster line to the Turnpike road near Wards Mill
to certain Petitioners, Mirick Riee and others, who have
Petitioned for a previledge to make a turnpike road from
Hampshire line thro Winchendon, and Ashburnham, to
meet the other turnpike road near said Mills or act any
thing theiron they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to
sum one of us, on or before said day. Given under our
hands & Seals this Seventh day of January AD. 1803

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

[170] Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Friday the 21st Janury 1803.

Voted & chose Cap^t William Brown Moderator

Voted that the Town are willing that a Turnpike road should be made on the road leading from the Guide post west of Wards Mill through Fitchburg on the road leading to Ashburnham

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

the meeting was accordingly difsolved

William Brown Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts, to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
(Seal) Town quallified by law to vote in Town meeting
(Seal) to meet and Assemble at the Meeting houle in said
(Seal) Town on munday the Seventh day of March next
at two of the Clock P. M. to act on the following articles
(Viz).—

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will refund to all those persons who adherared to The Reve^d Samuel Worcester as their minester, and paid him untill he was regarly difmifed, all the money they paid towards a tax, which was granted for to pay for preaching on the seventh day of December 1801 or act any thing theiron they shall think proper.

3 To see what order the Town will take with the last grant of the Town for the Sum of Two hundred Dollars to pay for preaching now in the Collectors Hands.

4 To see if the Town will appropriate the Meeting

house for the Use of the Church & regular Congregational Society for the future, or act any thing thereon as they shall think most the peace and interest of the Town, excepting the right to the Univarfa Society in the West part of the Town, and the Baptists

5 To see if the Town will chuse a Deligate at Gardner agreeable to request, or act any thing thereon they shall think proper

6 To see if the Town will refund to all in the west part of the Town, that are now Certificated all the money they have paid towards building the Towns meeting house on conditions that they relinquish their right of bringing their Teachers into to Towns meeting house on Sundays or act any thing thereon they may think proper

[171] Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doing thereon on or before said day. Given under our hands and seals this Sixteenth day of February AD 1803.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Joseph Polley	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of said Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting, to meet at the time and place within mentioned Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of The Town of Fitchburg afsembled on munday the 7th day of March 1803.

Voted & chose M^r. Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Voted not to refund to those persons who adheard to the Rev^d M^r. Worcester as their minester, as requested in the 2nd article in the warrant.

Voted to pafs over the 3rd article in the warrant.

Two motions was presented to the Moderator at one and the same time, A, dispute took place to know which should be acted upon, The Town Voted not to act upon either, which votes was worded as follows, (viz)

One of the motions was as follows (viz) I motion that the fourth article be pafs^d over. Signd by Edward Durant & seconded by Jonas Marshall Ju^r this motion was in writing.

the other Motion was as follows (viz) It is moved and seconded that in future the Regular Congregational Church in this place and those adhering to them and asosciated with them in the publick worship of God, Shall have the Use, previledge and injoyment of the meeting houle for Religious worship under the lead of Such person, or persons as shall be imployed, or approved by a Committee the Majority of which shall be chosen by the Church, excepting the right formerly alloted to the Baptists, and a Just apportionment to every other dnomination in the Town according to their property in the house and when Actually used by them agreeable to such appportionment, Signd by Eph^r Kimboll & Thomas Thurston.

Voted to pafs over the 4th article in the warrant.

Voted that the deligates formerly chosen upon the Subject of a New County, attend a Convention at Gardner agreeable to a Circular letter sent to the Selectmen of this town by a committee chosen for that purpose. On y^e second tusday in April next, at Ten oClock A. M. and they to act when meet in convention what they shall think best for the good of the whole.

Voted to pafs over the 6th article in the warrant.

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Paul Wetherbee Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[172] Worcester. fs. To Thomas French Constable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town
 (Seal) quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to
 (Seal) meet and assemble at the meeting house in said
 Town on munday the Seventh day of March next
 at nine of the Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (viz.)

1 To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To chuse a Town Clerk, Town Treafurer, Selectmen, and all other Town officers as the Law directs, and act any thing theiron in regard to chusing Collectors as they may think proper

3 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair the Highways & Bridges, make new roads, or act any thing with regard to repairing or making roads the Town may think proper.

4 To see what method the Town will take to support their poor the present year or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

5 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to defray the Necessary charges of the Town the present year or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

6 To see if Town will chuse a Saxton to take care of the meeting house or act any thing theiron they think proper

7 To see what Sum of money the Town will raise to support the schools the present year.

8 To see if the Town will chuse a committee to Settle with the Treafurer

9 To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by the Selectmen, or their order, or discontinue any roads that may be requested.

10 To see if the Town will allow the Swine to run at Large under the regulation of the Law.

11 To see if the Town will do any thing to prevent neat Cattle runing at larg on the common, or act any thing theiron they may think proper

12 To see if the Town will give any bounty on Crows, or act any thing theiron they think proper.

13 To see if the Town will here the report of any committes which have ben chosen by the Town.

14 To see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with Doct Jonas Marhall respecting his being an agent in a Law Sute with Eliha Smith or act any thing theiron they think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing [173] doings theiron on or before said day,

Given under our hands & Seals this Sixteenth day of February AD. 1803.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Joseph Polley		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place within mentioned.

Thomas French Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 7th day of March 1803.

Voted & chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk

Voted & chose M^r Paul Wetherbee Town Treafurer

. Town Treafurer Sworn

Voted to have five Selectmen for the present year and they to serve and have no pay for their Servifes, no other than the same as last year.

Voted and Chose Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Reuben Smith, Doc^t Peter Snow M^r Abijah Goodridge & M^r Amos Putnam Selectmen

Voted that Israel Turner Esq^r M^r Reuben Smith & Doc^t Peter Snow be the Affefsors the present year

. Affefsors. Affefsors Sworn

Voted to let out the Collectorship Upon the hundred pound to the lowest bidder and the lowest bidder to bring Bondsman to the acceptance of the Town

Voted to chuse a committee to let out the Collectorship at the house of Cap^t William Browns at six OClock this Evening

Voted that the Committee consist of Three

Voted and chose Cap^t Edward Durant, M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r & M^r David Boutell a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to excufe M^r David Boutell & chose M^r Thomas Cowdin in the rome of M^r David Boutell

Voted to add four to the above Committee.

Voted & chose Doc^t Peter Snow, M^r Afa Perry, Cap^t Jacob Burnap & Cap^t Selvester, they to make their report to the Town at the adjournment.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjournment

Voted & chose M^r Abijah Goodridge, Doc^t Peter Snow, M^r Amos Parce M^r Benj^a Kemp David Pratt, Jacob Gibson, Amos Putnam, Joseph Richardfon M^r Daniel M. Stearns, M^r Elijah Macintire, M^r Benj^a Herrick, Doc^t Jonas Marshall M^r Daniel Harrifs, M^r Abraham Farwell & M^r Seth Phillips, and the pay p^r hour Cattle, Tools & to be allowed for, the same as last year,

. Highway Surveyors

Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Ju^r Lieu^t Aaron Wheeler, Leu^t Aaron Eaton M^r Paul Wetherbee Ju^r M^r Sam^l Harrifs Ju^r & M^r Timothy Downe . . Hoggreaves

Voted & chose M^r Jacob Gibson, & M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r Firewards

Voted & chose M^r John Willard, & M^r John Messenger Surveys of Lumber

Voted & chose Cap^t Edw^d Durant ^{Sworn} & M^r David Pratt ^{Sworn} Field drivers.

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Simonds & M^r Timothy Garfield Seallers of Leather

[174] Voted & chose M^r Jonas Marshall Jun^r

. Pound keeper

Voted & chose M^r Jacob Jaquith & M^r Simeon Farwell Tythingmen

Voted & chose M^r Joseph Downe Ju^r & M^r John R. Kemp Surveyors of hoops & Staves

Voted & chose M^r Selvester P. Flint & M^r Tho^s Gibson ^{Sworn} Fence Viewers

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to repair the highways & bridges and New roads the present year

Voted that the Poor be let out at Vendue to the lowest bidder at the house of Cap^t William Browns this Evening upon the same prinfables as last year.

Voted to chuse a Committee to let out the poor

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to let out the poor

Voted to add Three to the above Committee

Voted that M^r Jacob Gibson, M^r Afa Perry, & Doc^t Jonas Marshall be added to the above Committee.

Voted to pafs over the 5th article in Warrant untill the adjournment

Voted that the Committee chosen to let out the Collectorship be a Committee to let out the Saxon beinefs at the same time & place

Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to support the schools the year infuing

Voted that the money be laid out in the same way & manner as last year

Voted & chose Deacon Ebn^t Thurston, M^r Afa Perry, M^r Daniel M. Stearns M^r Daniel Harrifs, M^r Daniel Farwell Ju^r M^r Thomas Eaton M^r Thomas Carter, M^r John Willard, M^r Zachariah Sheldon M^r Jacob Jaquith & M^r Arrington Gibson School Committee

Voted that each Deftrict be refticted to his own Quarter

Voted that the Committeemen be directed not to pay the Masters or Miftreffes for any time more than they keep the school, nor allow them any thing for Saterdays in the afternoons

Voted to chuse a Committee to Settle with the Treafurer

Voted that the Committee confist of Three.

Voted & chose M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r M^r John Thurston Ju^r & M^r Jo^s Polley to be a committee to Settle with the Treafurer and they to report at the adjornment

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first Munday in April next at One OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place.

On munday the 4th April 1803 The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting oppened

Voted to raise Eight hundred dollars to pay the Towns Delts & Necessary charges

Voted that the Swine be confind in pens or pastures and not go at Large the present year.

Voted that Neat Cattle & Horses be confin'd in pastures or otherways and not go at Large on the Common the present year.

Voted to give a bounty on Crows that are killed in the limits of Fitchburg the present year, and is left with the Treasurer to be satisfied, whether they are killed in the limits of the Town, and if Satisfied, he to pay the person who [175] who shall present them Seventeen Cents each, & bring his account into the Town for allowance.

Voted to pass over the 14th article in the warrant

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to let out the Collectorship which report is as follows viz—

The Collectorship on the South side let out to the lowest bidder on y^e hundred pound & was bid of to M^r Abijah Goodridge at \$4..00 upon the hundred pound
: : : : : \$4.00

The Collectorship on y^e North side let out to the lowest bidder on y^e hundred pound & was bid of to M^r Thomas French at \$4.50 — upon the hundred pound

Voted to accept of Mr Afa Perry & Cap^t Lemuel. H. Selvester as bondsmen for Mr Thomas French as Collector the present year for the North Side of the Town.

Voted to accept of Mr Afa Perry & Doct Peter Snow as bondsmen for Mr Abijah Goodridge as Collector for the present year for the South side of the Town.

Voted & chose M^r Abijah Goodridge Collector for the
South Side of the Town Collector

Voted & chose Mr Abijah Goodridge One of the Con-
 stables for the present year Constables

4 April — Sworn by Town Clerk

Voted & chose M^r Thomas French Collector for the
North side of the Town Collector

Voted & chose M^r Thomas French One of the Con-
stables for the present year Constables

Sworn before Town Clerk

Voted to accept the Report of y^e Committee to Let
out the Poor, Ephraim Smith Bid of to Seth Phillips at
2/11 p^r weak 2/11

Mary Wares bid of to Ahimaas Wood at 4^d p^r weak
 0/4^d

The committee appointed to let out the Saxton be-
 nefits made their report as follows (viz)

The Saxton benefits let out to Thomas French, & he
 to give the Town Six shillings & Six pence for the year
 Enfuing

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

The Committee appointed to make a Settlement with
 the Treafurer, made their report as follows Viz

Fitchburg March 21st 1803.

We the Subscribers being chosen a Committee to Settle
 with the Treafurer find due in the hand of the Collectors
 & others as follows viz

We find an obligation in the Treasures hands against Eph ^r Kimboll Dated January 30 th 1800. Two years Interest paid	\$100..00
One note against W ^m Brown dated 30 th Nov ^r 1798 due on said note besides the Interest	18..17
One other note against W ^m Brown dated 30 Nov ^r 1798 due on this note besides the Interest	4..16
One note against Ezra Dana dated 30 Nov ^r 1798 due on said note besides the Interest	3..50
One other note against Ezra Dana dated 30 Nov ^r 1798 due on this note besides the Interest	19..00
One note against Maj ^r John Goodridge dated 24 December 1802 of	5..18
We find due in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1801 Town rates .	16..00
We find due in the hands of Thomas French Collector for the year 1802	1280..48.9
We find in the hands of The Treafurer in Cash	22..95.
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	1469..44.9

We find the Town of Fitchburg is Indebted to Sundry
 persons (viz)

Notes due to Joseph Fox besides the Interest \$503..06

Due to the Widow Hannah Cowdin being her part of y ^e old meeting house	10..73
Due to the Pew Holders in the old meeting house	67..83
Due in orders now out and other Small Debts to the amount of	500..00
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	\$1081..62
Jonas Marshall Ju ^r } John Thurston Ju ^r } Committee Paul Wetherbee Town Treafurer.	

Voted to accept of the above report

[176] The Committee chosen at a legal Meeting of the Inhabants of the Town of Fitchburg Afsembled November 1st 1802, to look into the second article in the warrant to confider what is advisable to be done theiron, Beg leave to report as follows (viz,)

That when the Society in the West part of the Town shall make it appear to the Town, that they are a lawfull Confitutional Society and known as such so as to give the Town a legal discharge of their right in the meeting house your Committee are of Opinnion the Town ought to give them a Just Compenfation

Edward Durant p^r order of the Committee.

Fitchburg Nov^r 26th 1802

4th day of April the Town voted to accept this report

Voted to difsolve this meeting, and the meeting was accordingly difsolved

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. Thomas French Conftable of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg, of twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold eftate within the Commonwealth, of the Annual income of Ten dollars, or any eftate to the value of Two hundred dollars to meet

at the Meeting house on munday the 4th day of April next at Three OClock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Govenor, Lieu^t Govenor, & Senators & Counfellors agreable to the Confitution of this Commonwealth.

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this fourteenth day of March Anno Domini, 1803.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Amos Putnam	

Persuant to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town quallified as theirin expres^d to meet at the time & place & for the purpose theirin mentioned

Thomas French Constable

[177] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the fourth day of April 1803. To vote for Govenor, Lieu^t Govenor, Senators & Counfellors

The meeting being opened

Votes for the following persons were given in, counted, and Sorted, and record, and declaration theirot made as by the Constitution directed viz,

Govenor

For His Excelency Caleb Strong	63
The Hon ^{bl} Elbridge Gary	63

Lieu^t Govenor

For His Honour Edward. H. Robins	61
The Hon ^{bl} James Bowdin	58

Senators & Counfellors

For The Hon ^{bl} Elijah Brigham	57
The Hon ^{bl} Daniel Bigelow	58
The Hon ^{bl} Salem Town	58
The Hon ^{bl} Thomas Hale	58
For Gen ^l John Whiting	59
Samuel Jones Esq ^r	59

Edward Bangs Esq^r 60
 Pliney Mirick Esq^r 59

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Amos Putnam	}	
Joseph Fox		

Town Clerk

Worcester: fs: To either of the Constables of the Town
 of Fitchburg Greeting

 You are hereby required to notify & warn in
 (Seal) the name of the Commonwealth the Freeholders &
 (Seal) other inhabitants quallified by Law to vote in
 (Seal) Town meetings, to meet and assemble at the meet-
 (Seal) ing house in said Town on thursday the twelfth
 day of May next two OClock P. M. and when meet to
 act on the following articles viz —

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will make the Rev^d John
 Payson any compenstation for his Servifes in attending
 Funeral Solemnities, or act any thing theiron they may
 think proper.

3rd To see if the Town will annex David Whitmore
 to the school deftrict N^o 1 agreable to his request

[178] 4th To see if the Town will chuse an Agent to
 attend at the General Sessions at Worcester to obtain if
 pofsable a discontinuance of a road lately laid out by a
 committee round Leitches hill (so called)

5th To see if the Town will difcontinue any road or
 roads which may be requested.

6th To see if the Town will direct the Affessors to go
 to the Inhabitants of said Town for a General Valuation
 the present year.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg
 the twenty fifth day of April AD 1803.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned.

Thomas French Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday the twelfth day of May 1803.

Voted and chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

Voted to make the Reverend John Payson sum compensation for his Services in attending funeral Solemnities &c.

Voted to make M^r Payson a compensation by way of a contribution

Voted that the contribution be on the last Sunday of this Instant May after divine Service.

Voted that the Deacons be a committee to receive the money at the Contribution and deliver it to M^r Payon, or lay the money out for M^r Paysons benifit in any other way the Committee shall think proper.

Voted that David Whitemore with his Estate be Annexed to the school distriect N^o I agreeable to his request.

Voted to chuse an Agent to attend at the Court of Sefsions at Worcester, to obtain if possible a difcontinuance of a road lately laid out by a Courts committee round leitches hill (so called)

Voted and chose Israel Turner Esq^r an Agent for the above purpose

Voted that the road to the house formerly M^r Sam^l Berrys and now sold to Daniel Holt & Jeremiah Kinfman Jun^r be discontinued through through the land formerly owned by said Berry, as it was given by the said Berry, & laid out for his benefit only

Voted to pafs over the 6th article in the warrant.

Voted to disolve this meeting.

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[179] Worcester, fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the Male inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to the General Court to meet at the meeting house in said Town on thursday the twelfth day of may next at Three of the Clock P. M. for the purpose of chusing a representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of may.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg the twenty fifth day of April AD. 1803.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as theirin exprest to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned. Tho^s French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday the 12th day of May 1803 in order to chuse a representative.

The meeting oppened by the Selectmen, and a vote put to see if the Town would Send a Representative the present year, And it pass^d in the affirmative.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox to represent them in General Court the year insuing

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Peter Snow		
Amos Putnam		
Joseph Fox		Town Clerk

Worcester. fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town qualified by law to vote in Town meetings
 to meet and assemble at the meeting house on munday the

Twenty fourth day of Oct^r next at One OClock P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles (viz)—

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said Meeting.

2nd To see if the Town will concur with the Congregational Church, who have this day renewed their Covenant in giving M^r Aaron Hovey a call to the work of the Gospell minestry, and see what Support they will give him, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

3rd To see if the Town will regulate the Juror Boxes agreeable to a late Law of this Commonwealth.

[180] 4th To see if the Town will repair the school houses, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

5th To see if the Town will fence and clear the new burying ground, or act any theiron.

6th To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to supply the pulpit, or act any thing theiron respecting Supplying the Pulpit.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day, given under our hands and Seals this Twenty first day of Sep^r AD. 1803.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house at the time & place for the purpofes within mentioned.

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 24th of October 1803.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r moderator

Voted to pafs over the 2nd article in the warrant, respecting the Towns concurring with the Congregational Church for giving M^r Aaron Hovey a call to the work of the Gospell minestry.

Voted to chuse a committee to regulate the Juror boxes according to Law

Voted to chuse five as a Committee for the above purpose.

Voted & chose the Selectmen to be the Committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Committee when they have Selected the persons Sutable in their opinnion that they make their report to the Town, and lay their doings before the the Town, as soon as is convenient for their acceptance

Voted that the Selectmen make such repairs up-on the School houfes in this Town as they shall think proper, and lay their account before the Town for acceptance.

Voted to chuse a committee to let out the clearing the New burying ground and fenceing the frount with Stone wall, and lay out the ground for the graves, and make a streightning upon the road on Mr Paysons Land, if they can agrce with him.

Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee Mr David Boutell, & Joseph Fox a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to raise One hundred dollars to Supply the Pulpit

Voted to chuse a Committee to lay out the hundred dollars to Supply the Pulpit.

Voted to chuse a Committee of Three

Voted that the Committee be chosen by ballot.

[181] Voted & chose Joseph Fox Mr Paul Wetherbee & Mr Jacob Jaquith a committee for the purpose of laying out the hundred dollars.

A motion was made & seconded, that the Committee chosen to lay out the hundred dollars in Supplying the Pulpit be directed to imploy Mr Aaron Hovey for that purpose.

The vote being put it pafsed in the Negative, 53. to 45.

Voted to difsolve this meeting, and the meeting was accordingly difsolved

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house on munday the twenty fourth day of October next at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will concur with this Church in giving M^r Aaron Hovey a call to settle with us in the work of the Gospell ministry

3^{ly} To see what provision the town will make for M^r Hoveys Support or act any thing theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings on or before said day, Given under our hands and Seals this twenty fourth day of September Anno Domini 1803.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house at the time & place for the purpose within mentioned
 Thomas French Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 24th of Oct^r 1803

Voted & chose Daniel Putnam Esq^r Moderator

It was motioned & seconded to pass over the 2nd article in the warrant, respecting concurring with this Church in giving M^r Aaron Hovey a call to the work of the Gospell ministry.

The vote being put it passed in the affirmative 55 to 44

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Daniel Putnam Moderator
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[182] Worcester. fs. To either of the Conftables of the Town Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachufets, to notify and
(Seal) warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants quallified by law to vote in Town meeting to meet and assemble at the meeting house in said Town on munday the Twenty eighth day of November instant at one of the Clock P. M. and when meet to act on the following Articles Viz

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will so far concur with the first congregational Church in this Town, as to approve of said Church, and those who shall associate with them, in the publick worship of God to settle Mr Aaron Hovey in the work of the Gospel Minestry in this Town, provided his Support be by a publick fund for that purpose, and be free of charge to all the other Inhabitants of said Town, or act any thing theiron as the Town may think proper.

3^d To see if in case the Town do not approve of the second Article above written, that they will vote to have the parochial powers of said Town desolved, and that each society be impowered to support their own religious Instructor for the future, and act any thing theiron as the Town shall think, proper

4th To see if the Town will receive the report of the committee who were chosen to select Jurymen agreable to Law, or act anything theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron on or before said day, Given under our hands & Seals this seventh day of November AD. 1803.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

Persuant to this warrant I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of the Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Constable.

[183] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 28th day of November 1803.

Voted & chose M^r Abraham Willard moderator

Voted not to agree to the request in the second article in the warrant 58 to 42

Voted not to agree to the request in the third article in the warrant 58 to 45

Voted to accept the report of the committee respecting selecting those persons they think proper to put into the Jury boxes

Abraham Willard Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Agreable to a Vote of the Town the Subsribers have made a Division of the school money which is as follows viz.—

D ^r Eben ^r Thurston	\$97..80
Afa Perry	42..11
Daniel. M. Stearns	42..17
Daniel Harriss	39..90..9
Daniel Farwell Ju ^r	21..08..4
Thomas Eaton	25..60..2
Thomas Carter	34..03..6
John Willard	31..62..6
Zacheriah Shelden	51..95..7
Jacob Jaquith	63..25..5
Arington Gibson	50..45..1

Fitchburg December 5th 1803.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		

[184] Worcester, fs., To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachufets to Notify & warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town
 (Seal) quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to
 (Seal) meet and afsemble at the meeting houle in said
 (Seal) Town on Munday the fifth day of March next at

nine of the Clock in the fournoon, and when meet to act on the following Articles Viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To chuse a Town Clerk, Selectmen, and other Town officers as the law directs and act any thing in regard to chusing chusing Collectors as they may think proper.

3 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair the highways and Bridges the year ensuing or act any thing theiron they may think proper

4 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to pay the Towns debts and other necessary charges of the Town or act any thing theiron

5 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to support the schools the year ensuing, or act any thing theiron respecting laying the money they think proper.

6 To see what method the Town will take to support their Poor the year ensuing or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

7 To see if the Town will permit the swine to run at large under the regulation of the Law the ensuing year.

8 To see if the Town will vote to restrict the cattle from runing at large on the commons & highways the year ensuing or act any thing theiron they think proper.

9 To see if the Town will accept of any road or roads laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

10 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to supply the Pulpit the year ensuing, and act any thing in regard to laying out the money they think Proper.

11th To see if the Town will refund the Sum of \$64..50 out of the publick money to be raised to supply the pulpit to those persons who subscribed their propotion of said Sum according to the taxes they pay, said Sum of money was for the purpose of Supplying the Pulpit the last six sabbaths, or act any thing theiron they think proper.

12 To see if the Town will Chuse an agent to attend the Court of General Sefsions, to obtain a discontinuance of the proposed new road from Ephraim Kimbolls Jun^r. to Joseph Polleys.

[185] 13 To see if the Town will vote to pay to the Rev^d Titus. T. Barton all the money paid in the last Hundred Dollars that was raised in the Town to supply the Desk that was afesed on the Hopkinfions Society (so called) or act any thing theiron they think proper

To see if the Town will Join with the Congregational Church in this Town in giving M^r Elisha Clap a call to the work of the Gospel minestry, and to see what support they will give him for his encouragement, or act any respecting his Setling with them they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron on or before said day and time. given under our hands and Seals this eighteenth day of February AD. 1804

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	
Amos Putnam.	

Persuant to this warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned

Thomas French Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on the 5th March 1804

Voted & chose Afa Perry Moderator.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Voted & chose Oliver Fox Town Clerk Protem

Voted to have five Selectmen for the ensuing year & they to serve and have no pay for their services, no other than the same as last year.

Voted & Chose	Israel Turner	} Selectmen
	Reuben Smith	
	Doc ^t Peter Snow	
	Abijah Goodridge	
	Amos Putnam	

Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee Town Treasurer

Voted to have three afsefsors

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Reuben Smith & Doc^t Peter Snow Afsefsors

Voted to let out the Collectorship upon the hundred pounds to the lowest bidder, they to bring bondsman to the acceptance of the Town.

Voted & chose the Selectmen for a Committee for the above purpose & they to make report to the Town, to be let out at Cap^t W^m Browns this Evening.

Voted & chose Oliver Fox, Joshua Phillips Maj^r John Goodridge Eph^r Kendoll Joshua Stickney Joseph Downe Jun^r Ephraim Gibson, Nathan Badcock Ju^r Samuel Caswell Ju^r Leu^t Paul Wetherbee, David Macintire Benj^a Shelden, Elias Mefenger, Sam^l Harrifs, Tim^o F. Downe & Cap^t Aaron Wheeler Highway Surveyors

and the pay p^r hour, Cattle, Tools &c to be allowed for, the same as last year

[186] Voted & chose Nehemiah Fuller, Oliver Fox, Stephen Dole, Thomas Carter, Josiah Macintire, Amos Brown, Peter Sandin, Eph^r Smith, Henrey Haskell & Benj^a Scott Hogreves

Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour

The Town meet according to adjornment

Voted & chose John. R. Kemp & Benj^a Kemp

. Cullers of hoops & Staves

Voted & chose Timothy Garfield & Joseph Simonds

. Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose John Willard & Amos Parce

. Firewards

Voted & chose George Wood & Levi Farwell

. Field drivers

Voted & Chose Jonas Marshall Jun^r . Pound Keeper.

Voted & chose Jacob Jaquith & John Farwell Ju^r

. Tytheingmen

Voted & chose John Willard & Jacob Stickney

. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge & Sam^l Phelps

. Fence Viewers

Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to repair Bridges, highways & new roads the present year.

Voted to let out the Poor of the Town at the lowest bidder, by the Selectmen, at the house of Cap^t William Browns this evening.

Voted to pass over the 4th article in the warrant untill adjournment

Voted to raise Six hundred dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing

Voted to lay out the school money in the same manner as last year

Voted & chose Doct^r Peter Snow, Afa Perry, Person Brown, Timothy F Downe, Sam^l Harrifs, Benj^a Hartwell Joshua Stickney, David Macintire, Cap^t Tho^s Thurston Joseph Richardson & Timothy Batcheler

. School Committee

Voted that the Swine run at Large the present year under the regulation of the Law.

Voted that the Cattle be restrained and not run at large the present year

Voted to raise four hundred dollars for to supply the pulpit the present year.

Voted to chuse a committee of three for the above purpose

Voted & chose Mr Jacob Jaquith, Edward Durant, & Paul Wetherbee for the committee.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the 14th Instant at ten oClock. A. M.

Fitchburg March 14th 1804 The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting oppened, by reading the warrant, and by reading what the Town had done at the meeting on y^e 5th March.

[187] Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to pay the Towns debts and other necessary charges the present year.

It was motioned and seconded that the four hundred dollars that was raised the last meeting to supply the pulpet be reconsidered.

The vote being put it pass in the Negative.

Voted to refund the sum of Sixty four dollars & fifty Cents to those persons who Scubscribed their propotion of said Sum according to their taxes for the purpose of Supplying the Pulpet the last six sabboths to be taken out of the four hundred dollars raised to supply the pulpet the present year.

It was motioned & seconded to raise One hundred dol-

lars to be added to the six hundred dollars raised to support the school the last meeting. The vote was put & pafs^d in the Negative

It was motioned & seconded to reconsider the vote pafs^d last meeting respecting laying out the school money as the year before; The vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative.

It was motioned and seconded to pafs over the thirteenth article in the warrant.

The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative.

It was motioned & Seconded to pafs over the fourteenth article in the warrant respecting Joyning with the congregational Church in this Town in giving M^r Elisha Clap a Call to the work of the Gospel ministry and to see what support they will give him for his incoragement. The vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative.

It was motioned & seconded to see if the Town will Join with the Congregational Church in this Town, in giving M^r Elisha Clap a Call to the work of the Gospel ministry

The vote being put it pafs^d in the affirmative.

It was motioned and seconded to see if the Town will chuse a committee to consider and report to the Town the prinsables, and encoragement the Town will give M^r Clap, in order to encorage him to settle with us. The vote being put it pafs^d in the Affirmative

Voted that the committee consist of nine

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, William Cuningham, Cap^t Edward Durant Thomas Cowdin, David Boutell, Deacon Joseph Tilden, Israel Turner Esq^r Doc^t Jonas Marshall & Doc^t Peter Snow, a committee for the above purpose

Voted that the committee make their report to the Town as soon as may be.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for two hours then to meet in this place

The Town meet according to adjournment.

Voted to chuse an Agent to attend the Court of Sessions March term in order to obtain a discontinuance of the Road laid out from Ephraim Kimbolls Jun^{rs} to Joseph Polleys.

Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee to be the agent for the above purpose.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen respecting letting out the Collectorship, & likewise the Towns Poor which Report is as follows viz.

The Collectorship on the South side bid of to William Brown Jun^r at \$4..38 on the hundred pound . . . \$4..38

The Collectorship on the North side of the Town bid of to John Willard at \$4..44. on the hundred pound

. \$4..44

[188] Ephraim Smith one of the Towns Poor bid off to Mr Benj^a Fuller at three shillings and Eleven pence p^r weak £0.3.11

Mary Wares one of the Towns Poor bid off to Cap^t James Cowdin at Six Cents p^r weak \$0..6

Samuel French bid off to Benjamin Kemp who is to give the Town six Cents p^r weak for his labour . \$0..6

March 14th 1804

Israel Turner }
Peter Snow } Selectmen

Voted to accept of Doc^t Peter Snow & Cap^t William Brown as bondsmen for William Brown Jun^r for the Collectorship the south side of y^e Town

Voted to accept of Sam^l Phelps & David Macintire as bondsmen for John Willard for the Collectorship the North side of y^e Town.

Voted & chose William Brown Jun^r Collector for the South side of the Town Collector

Voted & chose John Willard Collector for the North side of the Town Collector

Voted & chose John Willard one of the Constables for the present year Constable

Voted & chose William Brown Jun^r one of the Constables Constable

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to consider and report the prinsables upon which it would be expedient for the Town to adopt in order to Settle Mr Elifha Clap in the work of the Gospel ministry and to state the encoragement, which report is as follows viz.

The committee, to whome it was refered to consider and report the prinsables upon which it would be expedient for the Town to settle M^r Elisha Clap in the work of the Gospel Ministry, and to State the encoragement it would be proper to propose, have, after mature consideration, Unanimously agreed to the following

That M^r Clap be settled by the Town subject to a removal when ever, within four years from his Ordination, two thirds of those being voters, who pay to his Support, may become opposed to his continuance provided that those, thus quallified, who may be opposed, shall continue to vote his dismisfion in the manner hereafter specified

After four years from the day of his Ordination, the Majority of those, being voters, who pay to his Support, shall be Sufficient for his dismisfion upon the Same condition refered to in the proceeding proviision.

To remove all misunderstanding as to the compleat authority of the Town to dismiss him, your committee recommend an exprefs provision, that when the Town may be convened on the Subject of his difmisfion, the Church shall not be regarded as in any manner distrustet from the Town, but that the Town & church shall always, for that purpose, be considered as indivifible.

But that M^r Clap's removal may not be effected rashly [189] rashly and precipetately, and that the Sence of the Town may be exprefs^d with that coolness deliberation and firmness which the Seriousness and importance of the subject so evidently require, your committee recommend that an exprefs provision, that two thirds of those being voters, who pay to his Support, and who may manifest a dislike of M^r Clap within the first four years after his Ordination; and that a majorety of the same discription of persons afterwards, shall not be considered as sufficient for his difmisfion on the first determination, but that the meeting at which such a quallified decifion against him may be obtained, shall be adjorned for precisely six months, when the question shall be again tried, when the question shall be again tried; and if at the adjornment the Same result should appear, his dismisfion

shall be considered as compleat. And their shall not be a convocation of an Ecclesiastical Council for any other purpose than to consider and determine upon M^r Clap's Ministerial character, and of the fitness of a recommendation of him to the work of the Ministry in an other place. A council for that purpose only, may at the pleasure of M^r Clap, be convened by him and the Town, the expence of which to be equally divided between them. And M^r Clap on his part may leave the Town at any time upon six months Notification of such an intention.

Your committee further recommend, that for his encouragement there be offered M^r Clap a Settlement of Six hundred dollars, payable One third on the first of January Succeeding his Ordination, and the remaining two thirds on the first of January following. But if M^r Clap's official relation to the Town should be dissolved by Death, removal or resignation, before six years from his Ordination, his estate or himself shall be held to refund to the Town at the rate of One hundred dollars p^r year for all the time, from the dissolution afore said, which may remain unexpired of six years from his Ordination.

And your committee further recommend, that a yearly Salary of four hundred dollars be granted him during the time that his pastoral relation to the Town may continue, payable, at that rate, upon the first of January Succeeding his Ordination, for the time then due; and after wards from that period Annually.

All which is respectfully Submitted by your Committee
Joseph Fox Chairman

Fitchburg March 14th 1804

Voted to chuse a committee to preset M^r Clap with the vote of the Town, and likewise present him the principles, & encouragement the Town proposes to give him for his encouragement to settle with us in the work of the Gospel Ministry.

Voted that the Committee consist of five

Voted & chose M^r William Cuningham, Cap^t Edward Durant, Joseph Fox M^r David Boutell & Deacon Joseph Tilden a committee for the above purpose

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Asa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[190] Worcester. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
(Seal) warn verbally, the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house on Monday the fifth day of March instant at five of the clock. P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will protest and Remonstrate against the Installation of The Rev^d Titus. T. Barton over a minor part of this Corporation, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

Given under our hands & seals this fifth day of March 1804

Reuben Smith	} Selectmen
Abijah Goodridge	
Amos Putnam	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet and assemble at the time & place for the purpose within mentioned
Thomas French Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday the 5th day of March 1804

Voted and chose M^r Asa Perry Moderator

Voted to chose a committee of Five to draft a protest or remonstrance against the Installation of the Rev^d Titus. T. Barton over a minor part of this Corporation, and the Committee to make their report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, William Cuninghame, Cap^t Will^m Brown David Boutell, & Doct^r Peter Snow, a committee for the above purpose

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the 14th March Instant then to mett at this place at Ten OClock A. M.

March 14th 1804 The Town meet according to adjournment, the meeting oppened by reading the warrant & what votes pafs^d the last meeting

Voted to adjorn this meeting for two hours then to meet at this place.

[191] The Town meet according to adjournment

The committee that was appointed to draft a protest, or remonstrance, against the Installation of the Rev^d Titus. T. Barton, made their report as follows, viz.

To the Ecclesiastical Council which may be convened for the Installation of the Rev^d Titus Theodore Barton over an affsocation nominally Hopkinsian, a minor part of this Corporation.

We the Town of Fitchburg in Town meeting assembled, Protest against your proceeding to said Installation; and as the basis of this Protest we assign the following reasons, derived from civil and ecclesiastical law.

The constitution of the Commonwealth while it gives the utmost consistant indulgence to the rights of conscience, empowers the Legaslature to require every mans attendance on the publick Worship of Almighty God, and to enact laws for the regulation of religious Societies. The laws thus made in persuance of Constitutional authority, contemplate every Town, undivided into parishes, precincts, districts and religious Societies, as a Corporation for the management of all ecclesiastical concerns. The town of Fitchburg is of that description, and are now engaged in a course of regular proceeding for the Settlement of a Gospel Minester. The persons over whome the Installation of the Rev^d Titus. T. Barton is proposed, are a minor part of that corporation; the induction into office of a minester over the minority of a regularly constituted society is, we deem, an unwarrantable and unprecedented invasion of the liberties and rights of the majority; it is, we conceive, in direct violation of that fundamental rule in all our institutions, that the majority, conforming to the Original prinsaples of the compact,

shall govern, and it is a measure flagrantly irregular, and compleatly disorganising.

Every citizen of the Commonwealth is a member of a religious Society, constituted such by Law. If an inhabitant of a Town, or a resident in any parish, precinct or district, it is within these Geographical limits, or within a distinct Society specially incorporated, that the civil power authorizes the use, and protects him in the enjoyment of all the rights and priveledges appertaining to publick worship. But if he disents from the regularly, constituted society in which he is included, he may attach himself to any other Sect or denomination, "and on his producing a formal certificate of his attendance on a public Teacher of that other Sect or denomination," he may have the tax affessed upon him transfered to his own Instructor. But for a number of dissenters to combine against the Will of the body politic, of which they are a part, and in the Settlement of a minester to assume and exercise the rights given exclusively to the majority, is a proceeding Subversive of all order civil and religious. And a Spirit by which such a combination is actuated, is fitly described in a publication from the Church lately under the pastoral care of the Reverend Samuel Worcester, entitled "Facts and documents" — A spirit disposed to trample on all order and authority, civil and ecclesiastical, and to introduce unbounded licentiousness and confusion into Church and State."

To illustrate the truth of these sentiments, we advert to the tranfactions of the same Church when last assembled under the authority of this Corporation to manage our civil and ecclesiastical concerns. At a meeting of the Town on the fifth of the present month the said Church protested against their future taxation for any reļigious purpose, and presented a certificate for their exemption, and immediately after combined their whole strength, against [192] against the Majority, in a design to prevent the raising of money for supplying the Pulpit, the mere statement of this conduct is Sufficient to expose its contrariety to law, reason, and social order. This instance is not Solitary. An opposition, Similar in every respect

has ben frequently exhibited during the last three years. Such disorderly conduct has raised a spirit in the Town, that will not, probably, be allayed with any thing short of the peacable Submission, for the future, of the Minority, or of their seperation from the Town in such manner as the laws prescribe.

The Constitution considers every man in the two-fold character of a disciple of Christ, and a subject of civil Government: As free to worship God, according to the dictates of his conscience, but as acquiring that freedom by his conformity to such regulations as the preservation and tranquillity of Society require.

The call of the Rev^d Mr Barton, and, as we understand, the letters misive for your convocation were in the name of the First Church of Christ in Fitchburg. This rank it cannot at present claim in a legal point of view, for being, unafsociated with any incorporated body, it is a society wholly unknown in law; and that it could not claim it, we think evident from the following considerations. The statute of the Commonwealth restricts to Churches connicted and afsociated with corporations, legal protection in the use, exercise and enjoyment of their accustomed privileges respecting Divine Worship. And where parishes, precincts and other corporations are formed in a town, the law exprefsly declares that the old Town shall be the first or prinfpale parish, which would give the rank of first or prinfpale Church to the Church connected and afsociated theirwith. So far as Ecclesiastical authority can settle this question of precedence we conceive that the Church afsuming the distinction of the First Church of Christ in Fitchburg, are schismatics from the first regularly established Church in this place, and that, therefore, your recognition of them under that asfumed title, would be unwarranted by any Ecclesiastical Judicatory.

Upon these considerations we Protest against your recognising the Church, nominally Hopkinsian, under the appellation of the First. . . .

In connection with this Solemn act and the reasons for it, the Town of Fitchburg, respectfully and unequivocally afsure the Reverend Council, that they have not the

least aversion to the Settlement of a Minister by any portion of the people constituted a religious Society according to Law. Without such constitution there cannot be, in this Commonwealth, a Society authorized to make and efficient Settlement of, and provide legal Support for a Minister. Where a Settlement is attempted by a minority with party views, and especially with avowed intention of becoming the Majority, the peace of Society is interrupted and its Laws transgressed.

They who sustain the high commission of public Instructors in the Divine Law, should themselves observe, and enjoin upon others the observance of the Laws which Protect and preserve an orderly community:

Jo^s Fox p^r order

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg holden by adjournment on [193] on Wednesday March 14th AD. 1804. Voted that the foregoing infrement, drafted by a Committee chosen for that purpose, be accepted: that the same be transcribed upon the Towns Books, and that a Committee be appointed to present it to the Council when convened.

Voted that the Committee consist of Five

The following persons were duly chosen, viz, Joseph Fox, William Cuninghame Cap^t William Brown, David Boutell & Doc^t Peter Snow.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of Said Town of Fitch-
(Seal) burg, of Twenty one years of age and upwards,
having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth
of the Annual income of Ten dollars, or any estate to the
value of Two hundred dollars to meet at the meeting

house on munday the Second day of April next, at One of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counfellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg this Seventeenth day of March AD. 1804.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Amos Putnam	

Persuant to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin exprest to meet at the time & place and for the purposes theirin mentioned

William Brown Ju^r Constable

Fitchburg April 2nd 1804

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on munday the second day of April 1804 To vote for, Governor, Lieu^t Governor, Senators & Counfellors.

The meeting being opened, Votes for the following persons were Given in, counted and Sorted, and record and declaration theirot made as by the Constitution directs viz.

Govenor

For His Exceclency Caleb Strong	59
The Hon. James Sullavan	74

Liu^t Governor.

For His Honour Edw ^d H. Robins	61
The Hon William Heath	68

Senators & Counfellors

For the Hon ^{bl} Elijah Brigham	55
The Hon ^{bl} Daniel Bigelow	55
The Hon ^{bl} Salem Town	56
The Hon ^{bl} Thomas Hale	56
For General John Whiting	55
Sam ^{ll} Jones Esq ^r	56
Edw ^d Bangs Esq ^r	56
Mofes White Esq ^r	55

The meeting dissolved —

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

[194] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Notify & warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town,
 (Seal) qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to
 meet and assemble at the meeting house on Munday the second day of April next at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the Town will chuse a committee to Settle with the Town Treafurer or act any thing theiron.

3^d To see if the Town will build or repair the bridge over Pearl Hill brook near Ephraim Gibsons, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

4 To see if the Town will purchase some burying cloaths or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this Seventeenth day of March AD. 1804.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Amos Putnam		

Persuant to the within warrant I have Summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as theirin exprefs^d to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned

William Brown Jur Constable

Fitchburg April 2nd 1804:

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the second day of April AD. 1804.

Voted & chose Doc^t Peter Snow Moderator.

Voted to chuse a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted & chose M^r John Thurston Ju^r Israel Turner Esq^r & Doc^t Peter Snow a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the committee make a report to the Town at sum future meeting

Voted to chuse a committee to view the place where a Bridge is requested, nigh Ephraim Gibsons, and make their report at May meeting.

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted & chose Sam^l Caswell, Doc^t Peter Snow & David Boutell a committee for the above purpose.

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[195] Voted to purchase a decent burying Cloath for the Use of the Town.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox a committee to purchase the burying Cloath and lay his account before the Town for allowance.

Peter Snow Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

To W^m Brown Jun^r One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Maffachusetts, to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town, being
twenty one years of age, and resident in said town for the Space of one year next preeceeding having a freehold estate within said Town of the Annual income of Ten Dollars, or any estate to the value of Two hundred dollars to meet at the meeting house on Munday the fourteenth day of may next, at two of the Clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing a representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened, and held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg the twenty fourth day of April AD. 1804.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

Persuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town, quallified as theirin exprefs^d to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned. W^m Brown Jun^r Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 14th day of May 1804 for the purpose of chusing a representative.

The meeting opened by reading the warrant, the Selectmen prefided.

A vote was put to see if the Town will send a representative the present year and it pafs^d in the affirmative by dividing the house.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox to represent them in General Court the year ensuing

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Joseph Fox	Town Clerk.

[196] To W^m Brown Jun^r one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting. . . .

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachussetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town quallified by law to vote in town meetings,
 to meet and assemble at the meeting house on Monday
 the fourteenth day of may next at four of the clock in
 the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see if the town will provide burying Cloaths to be kept in the West part of the Town.

3rd To see what method the Town will take to repair the Great bridge near Cap^t W^m Brown Mills or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

4th To see if the Town will accept the report of any Committee chosen by the Town or act any thing theiron.

5 To see if the Town will take any method to obtain a discontinuance of the old County road from Westminster line to Leominster by Deacon Boutells, or act any thing theiron they may think proper.

6 To see if the Town will give a bounty on Crows, or act any thing theiron.

7 To see if the Town will repair the fence round the old burying yard or act any thing theiron.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg the twenty fourth day of April AD 1804.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

Persuant to the within warrant, I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as theirin expresed to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

W^m Brown Jun^r Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday y^e 14th May 1804.

Voted and chose Daniel Putnam Esq^r Moderator

Voted that the Town provide burying Cloaths for the West part of the Town

Voted that Joseph Fox be a committeeman to provide burying Cloaths for the West part of the Town, to be kept their, & bring in his account to the Town for allowance

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to repair the great bridge nigh Cap^t Browns Mills by leting it out at Vendue to the lowest bidder, and that the Selectmen see that it is faithfully done according to the conditions they shall propose, and bring the account in to the Town for allowance.

[197] Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen by the Town to settle with the Treasurer, which report is as follows viz.

March 9th 1804 Agreeable to a vote of the Town we the Subscribers have attended the business of settling with the Town Treasurer which is as follows

We find an obligation in the hands of the Town treasurer against M ^r Eph ^r Kimboll dated June 30 th 1800 of \$100.00 three years Interest paid	\$100.00
Also one note against Cap ^t W ^m Brown dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798 due on said note besides the Interest	18.57
Also another note against Cap ^t W ^m Brown dated Nov ^r 30 1798 due on said note besides the Interest	4.16
Also one note against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30. 1798 due on said note besides the Interest	3.50
Also one other note against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30 th 1798. due on the note besides the Interest	19.00
Also one note against Maj ^r John Goodridge dated December 24 th 1802 due on said note besides the Interest	5.18
We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1803	676.42
We find in the hands of Thomas French Collector for the year 1803	379.65
We find in the hand of the Town Treasurer in cash	39.09
We find due from the Town to the Wid ^o Hannah Cowdin it being for part of the old meeting house	10.73
We find due to the pew holders in the old meeting house	67.83
John Thurston Ju ^r Israel Turner Peter Snow.	} Committee
Town Treas ^r	

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen by the Town to view the bridge nigh Eph^r Gibsons, which report is as follows (viz)

The committee chosen to view the bridge near Mr Eph^r Gibsons, beg leave to report as follows (Viz) It is our opinion that it is necessary there be a New bridge built, and a causway from one bank to the other, that the buttments of the bridge be Stone four feet high in front, six inches of the wall sunk below the bed of the stream.

That the bridge be thirteen feet wide with nine feet water corse.

that the string peaces be of chesnut six inches thick & ten wide.

The bridge to be covered with white pine plank three inches thick and well panned down.

and that the bridge be carried three feet higher up the Stream than the old one.

That the causeway be built with a good firm stone wall on each side, then filled with small Stones and covered with gravil, and raised as high as the bridge.

Sam ^l Caswell	} Committee
Peter Snow	
David Boutell	

Fitchburg May 14th 1804.

[198] Voted that the Committee that was chosen by the Town to view the Bridge nigh Eph^r Gibsons, & make their report to the Town be a committee to see that the bridge and causway be built and put in good repair agreeable to their report. And for that purpose to let it out to the lowest bidder at Vendue, and the Committee see that it be done faithfully as proposed by the viewing committee.

Voted that Israel Turner Esq^r Daniel Putnam Esq^r & Joseph Fox Esq^r or either of them be a committee, or agents, in behalf of the Town, to Petition to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace if necessary, in order to have the old County road discontinued leading from Westminster to Leomenter.

Voted to give a bounty on crows that shall be killed this present year within the liments of this Town.

Voted that the bounty on crows be twenty cents, and that those persons that is intituled to the bounty on crows,

that they call upon the Treasurer for the pay, And that the Treasurer be directed to pay the bounty, if he is satisfied that they have been killed within the limits of the Town.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to repair the fence round the old burying ground, and likewise the gate, and bring in their account to the Town for allowance.

Voted to disolve this meeting

Daniel Putnam Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg

. Greeting

(Seal) You are required in the name of the Common-
 (Seal) wealth of Mafsachufetts to notify & warn the free-
 (Seal) holders and other Inhabitants qualified by Law
 (Seal) to vote in Town meetings to meet & Afsemble at
 (Seal) the meeting house on munday the twenty Seventh
 day of August instant at two OClock in the after-
 noon to act on the following Articles (Viz).

1 To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the Town will repair the school houfes, or act any thing respecting the school houfes they may think propper.

3 To see if the Town will repair the bridge near Mr Seth Phillips; or act any thing theiron.

4 To see if the Town will raise money to repair the school Houfes or Act any thing theiron.

5 To see if the Town will vote that the Church under the pastoreal care of the Rev^d Titus. T. Barton and those who meet with said Church for the worship of GoD, shall have the Use & improvement of the meeting house their propotional part of the time reckning from the time that Mr Hovey closed preaching for the Town in Oct^r last, or act any thing theiron respecting the meeting house as the Town shall think propper. Given under our hands and Seals this Eleventh day of August AD 1804

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Amos Putnam		

[199] Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of s^d Town quallified as theirin expressed to assemble at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned

W^m Brown Ju^r Constable

August 27th 1804.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 27th day of August 1804.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator.

Voted that the five Selectmen, View the Several School houses in the Town, and make such repairs as they shall think is necessary, to make them convenient & comfortable.

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to repair the Bridge nigh Mr Seth Phillips

Voted not to raise any money to repair the School houses.

It was motioned & Seconded to see if the Town would agree to chuse a committee to see if the parties could compromise the besinefs on account of the dispute respecting the meeting house. The vote being put it pafs^d in the Negative.

for the motion 55. against it 78. Majority 23.

It was motioned & seconded to pafs over the 5 Article in the warrant

The vote being put it pafs^d in affarmative.

For the motion 73. against it 45. majority 28 for pafsing over the 5th article

Voted to disolve this meeting.

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

October — 1804 Return of Selectmen for perambelating the line between Ashburnham & Fitchburg

We the Selectmen of Fitchburg, and Ashburnham have perambelated the line between said Towns & renewed the

bounds, and find the point of Compass to be 8 degrees west of South.

Eben ^r Munroe	}	Selectmen
Amos Parce		
Reuben Smith		
Amos Putnam		

Fitchburg Oct^r 20th 1804

Rec^d and recorded by Joseph Fox Town Clerk

We the Subscribers have this day perambulated the line between the Town of Lunenburg and the Town of Fitchburg, and renewed the bounds according to Law

October 25th 1804

Josiah Stearns	}	Two of the Selectmen of Lunenburg.
William Jones Ju ^r		
Abijah Goodridge	}	Two of the Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Amos Putnam		

[200] October 29th 1804 The Subscribers hereby Certify that we have this day perambulated the lines between the Towns of Leominster and Fitchburg and renewed the bounds between said Towns according to Law.

Abijah Bigelow	}	Selectmen of Leominster
Abel Kendall		
Abijah Goodridge	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Amos Putnam		

Worcester. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Fitchburg, duly qualified to vote for representatives in the General court of said Commonwealth (viz.), the Male inhabitants of said Town, being twenty One years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of One year next preceeding, having a freehold estate to the Value of Two hundred dollars, or an Annual income of Ten dollars, to Assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Munday the fifth day of November next, being the fist munday of said month, at One of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for Nineteen Electors of President and Vice-

President of the United States. Given under our hands & Seals this twelfth day of Oct^r AD. 1804

Israel Turner	} Selectmen.
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresse to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned John Willard Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 5th day of Nov^r 1804 For the purpose of chusing Nineteen Electors, for the choice of a President, and Vice-President, of the United States. The Town being assembled the Votes called for, and brought in, Counted & sorted, and declaration made of the persons voted for, and was as follows viz.

For

at Large	{ Hon David Cobb Esq ^r of Goldsborough	61
	{ Hon Oliver Wendall Esq ^r of Boston	60
Suffolk District	Hon John Coffin Jones Esq ^r of Boston	60
Effex South District	Hon. Benj ^a Goodhue Esq ^r of Salem	60
Effex North District	Hon Bailey Bartlett Esq ^r of Haverhill	60
Middlefix District,	Hon. Eleazer Brooks Esq ^r of Lincoln	60
Hampshire South District	Hon Will ^m Sheperd Esq ^r of Westfield	61
Hampshire North District	Hon Eben ^r Mattoon Ju ^r Esq ^r of Amherst	60
Plymouth District	Hon Will ^m Sever Esq ^r of Kingston	60
Barnstable District.	Eben ^r Bacon Esq ^r of Barnstable	60
Bristol District.	Hon. George Leonard Esq ^r of Norton	60
Worcester South District	Joseph Allen Esq ^r of Worcester	61
Worcester North District	Hon. Josiah Stearns Esq ^r of Lunenburg	61
Berkshire District.	Hon David Rofsiter Esq ^r of Richmond	60
Norfolk District.	Hon Cotton Tufts Esq ^r of Weymouth	60
York District	Hon John Lord Esq ^r of Berwick	61

Cumberland District. Hon Isaac Parker Esq ^r of Port-	
land	61
Lincoln District. Hon Tho ^s Rice Esq ^r of Wicafset .	60
Kennebeck District. Sam ^l S. Wilde Esq ^r of Hollowell	61
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[201] This meeting dissolved.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
Abijah Goodridge	
Amos Putnam	
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.	

*The arrangement in the original makes the remainder of the record of the votes a second column beside the first.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
 (Seal) warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Fitchburg duly quallified to vote for representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth viz. the Male inhabitants of said Town being twenty One years of Age, and resident in said Town for the space of One year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said Town of the Annual income of Ten dollars or any other estate to the value of Two hundred dollars, to afsemble at the meeting house in said Town on munday the fifth day of November next being the first munday in said month, at four OClock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester North District.

Given under our hands & Seals this twelfth day of Oct: AD. 1804.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen.
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned John Willard Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on munday y^e 5th day of Nov: 1804 for the purpose of chusing a representative, for the north Worcester district, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to represent us in the Congress of the United States.

The town being afsembled, the votes called for, and brought in, Counted & Sorted, and declaration made of the persons voted for, and was follows viz.

For The Hon Will ^m Stedman Esq ^r	46
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this meeting dissolved

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen.
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 (Seal) Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings
 to meet and assemble at the meeting house on munday the fifth day of November next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will show cause why the prayer of the Petition of Daniel Putnam and others, praying that the Congregational Church in Fitchburg may be incorporated, should not be granted, or act any thing therein they may think proper.

3 To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to supply the pulpet, or act any thing therein.

4 To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen.

5 To see what the Town will do with the Stoves belonging to the Town, or act any thing in regard to disposing of them they think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us, on or before said day. Given under our hand and Seals this fifteenth day of Oct: AD. 1804.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen.
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Amos Putnam		

[202] Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned, and notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time & place, and for the purpose within mentioned.

John Willard Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 5th day of Nov^r 1804.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator.

On motion. Voted to oppose the Petition of Daniel Putnam Esq^r & others, respecting a fund.

Voted to chuse a committee to make a Draft, for a remonstrance to oppose the Petition of Daniel Putnam Esq^r and others, respecting a fund, to be presented to the present General Court at their third Sesssions.

Voted that the Committee consist of Seven.

Voted & chose Will^m Cuninghame, Thomas Cowdin, Edward Durant, Israel Turner Esq^r David Boutell, Peter Snow & Timothy Garfield, a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to adjourn the meeting for half an hour, in order for the committee to make their report.

The Town meet according to adjournment, and the meeting opened.

The Committee made their report as follows (viz.)

The committee to whome it was refered to draft a Remonstrance against the Petition of Daniel Putnam & others, beg lieve to make the following Report.

W^m Cuninghame per order.

To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts.

The Inhabitants of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester in legal Town meeting assembled, beg leave to Remonstrate against the Petition of Daniel Putnam & others for an Act of Incorporation.

The Petition sets forth, that Since the Ordination of the Reverend M^r Worcester in 1797 "A Baptist society and two Universal societies were formed in the Town, which together formed a major part of the legal voters in the Town, so that at the two Annual march Meetings in 1801 and 1802 no vote could be obtained to assefs M^r Worcester's salary." The whole number of persons in the Town of all denominations who are cleared from ministerial taxes by certificates, in the manner required by law, is thirty nine; not one of these we believe ever voted

against the assentment of M^r Worcester's salary. In respect to dissenters from the Congregationalists their is not, in any point, a material variation from the circumstances of the Town for a long period before M^r Worcester's settlement. Exclusive of all dissenters there is a great majority of the Town in opposition to the petitioners, who style themselves "The Congregational Church," but are here and in this vicinity denominated "Hopkinsians," and are avowedly such. Those acquainted with the true principles of the controversy, both Clergy and Laity, are generally agreed that the petitioners are the seceders from the Congregational order in this place. Occasionally, as they may have conceived would best answer their designs, they have called themselves "the Church"—"The Church of Christ"—"The first Congregational Church"—The regular Congregational Church "The Strict Calvinistic Church"—and "The regular Congregational Constitutional Church;" and these titles they have at different times, assumed and asserted. The whole history of the Church in New England, for a century past will not perhaps, exhibit so much Ecclesiastical Tyranny as has [203] has been displayed by the Small body of Hopkinsians in this Town for the short space of five years. They have excommunicated from their society Six and Suspended from their communion two, and passed votes purposely to prevent the occasional communion with them of persons in regular Standing in Congregational Churches. The characters of the Excommunicated and Suspended persons are of estimation in society, and with One exception are irreproachable as to morality and general deportment. One, in particular, highly respected for his exemplary life and a long course of Usefulness in a number of Publick stations was, at the venerable age of Sixty nine sacrificed to their relentless rigour. The Excommunicant above excepted from this just description of the character of the others, has been restored to the society from which he was expelled, they refusing the restoration of the others contrary to the Result of a Mutual Council, a majority of which was of their own appointment. These truths are manifested in Solomn acts of Council, and in correct publication before the community. The dec-

laration in the petition that "persons who before had been members of the univarsal society, with two or three others, were collected and recognized as a Church," is a misrepresentation, the wickedness, of which is aggravated by appearances of intention. It is observable that the petitioners State that the lately recognized Church was formed of persons who before had been members of the Universal society" which can apply but to One, they before had said there were "two universal societies." At the time of the Call of the Candidate referred to in the petition, there existed in the Town no more than the small number of professed Universalists who do not interfere in the management of the Ecclesiastical concerns of the Town. It is plainly, and without doubt designedly, insinuated in the petition that the Church now in connection and associated with the Town was composed from among them. The insinuation is contemptible in the petitioners as Men, and is criminal in them as professing Christians. The Town suppose that a society is Alluded to by the petitioners that had a temporary duration under the name of the "Fitchburg Universal Christian Society." But this society was abolished soon after its formation. And for more than eighteen months proceeding the recognition of the Church now connected and associated with the Town. this Society, like many which took their rise in times of religious despotism, and intolerance was formed in the midst of the oppressions and persecutions of the Hopkinsian Church, which was then the only Church in the Town.

It was instituted in a mistaken hope of refuge and of public usefulness, and has these motives for its apology. Its provisions being found inadequate to its objects—caused its dissolution. This state of things, in connection with a formal vote which the Town conceived they might consistently with the conditions of their contract, pass for his dismissal, explain the reason why the Town did not vote Mr. Worcester's salary at the periods specified in the petition. The obstacles to Union that our opposers pretend were created by that compact, were by their own acknowledgement wholly removed, for they declare that

they "Voted to Join with those Who had been the means of removing their Pastor" (meaning the associates in the compact.) "in hearing Candidates for the Gospel Ministry as though no difficulties had heretofore existed." It is a truth that may be asserted with the utmost confidence, that the whole work of "discord" here originated with and has been unremittingly prolonged by the Hopkinsians party. Full in proof of this is their own declaration that as soon as the Town refused to concur with them in the Case of a Candidate, they "proceeded in employing, hiring and paying" instructors of their own choice. Then it was that "all hope of harmony vanished." Then was destroyed "all hope of reconciliation." The Town cannot refrain from an expression of their astonishment that all this should be done by those who have arrogated to themselves exclusively the distinction of friends of "Religion and order," but whose whole conduct has formed a striking contrast to their pretensions. If it would not be tedious and unnecessary we would be circumstantial. Transactions are plenteous and plenary to our purpose. We shall pass them over with one exception:—The history of fanatics seem sufficiently to Authorise the suspicion of their inconsistencies to preclude a particular recital of their gross and repeated absurdities. To the long catalogue of irreligious and disorderly Acts we have one to mention of our opposers flagrantly repugnant to the social regulations that are intended for the preservation of our rights civil and sacred:—They while as at present, the Minority of this corporation, Still holding their connection with the Town, and Still impelling and embarrassing to the utmost of their power, all regular proceedings for the Settlement [204] Settlement of a minister, did by an Ecclesiastical Council Specially selected, in disregard of a solemn protest of the majority, place over them an Instructor!

This conduct so hostile to Religion and order is, we presume, unprecedented in the Church Annals of our Country, And we appeal to the impartial whether it must not have been directed by the first feelings of that dreadful exterminating spirit which, in the name of the God of

Mercy, has scourged the earth with merciless vengeance? Were not this Council actuated by the proud and overbearing spirit of Dioscurus? And did they not practice as if, like Valentinian, they had power to direct who, as God's viceregents, should be umpires in all religious matters, and licenfers and dictators of preachers and preaching?

"There being no religious society in the Town with which the Church, and the worshippers adhering to them, could Join without doing violence to their consciences," was no more than was the Cafe with a much greater number in opposition to them, And was the Occasion of the Recognition of a Church upon the rational and Catholic principles of the Congregational Churches of New England.

Your, Remonstrants are eaqually sensible with the Petitioners that "the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth give liberty of conscence to all men." But no liberty is given by our Constitution and Statutes to contravene the regulations, nor disturb the tranquillity of society.

The petitioners State that they have provided a method for Supporting "the Gospel in a way not grievous to themselves, nor burdensome to any around them." The Town sincerely wish the petitioners all pofsable consolation and religious improvement under the arrangements they have made for establishing in this region the discipline and the principles they practice and profess. But we beg protection from their enforcement of either by any schemes they may have devised. under the apparently liberal offer of maintaining the Gospel ministry is, we apprehend disguised the projects for recruiting Auxillaries in a warfare of principles. The request for the exemption from taxes elsewhere of those who may merely assemble with the petitioners in publick worship is most obviously of a disorganizing nature and tendency, not calculated to "promote religion, harmony and good order in Society," And for these reasons will, we are confident, be rejected by the Guardians of the public order and peace. We are persuaded that the enlightened Government of Massachusetts

will never function principles that have a direct tendency to Give to the spirit of Proselytism, a power to prevent many to a league in plots.

The Town beg leave farther to represent to the Honorable Court, that of the Subscribers to the proposed fund seventeen are not voters in Town affairs, and that the personal security of a considerable part of them would not be accepted where their circumstances are known.

Their "obligations" would form a curious basis for a permanent fund, for the dispensation of the Gospel, free of expence to the poor.

The list of male voters in the Town comprises 181 of whome 52 are reputed Hopkinians (43 having signed the fund,) and 39 cleared by Certificates from Ministerial taxes, leaving on the side of the Town in the Religious controversy 91, who have regularly and Uniformly attended to the maintenance of the Gospel ministry in the Town. But deducting as Hopkinians those only who have subscribed to the fund and the number on the side of the Town will be 99.

The strength of the Hopkinsians relatively to the Town is less in property than in numbers. Adopting the table of Valuation as the rule to determine the proportion they bear, we find the value of the Estates of all the Hopkinsians who have signed to the Fund, to be 1579. that of all other persons, exclusively of the 39. exempted from Ministerial taxes, 4263. The Town on another Occasion declared and they now renew the declaration, "That they have not the least aversion to the settlement of a minister by any portion of the people constituted a religious society according to Law." It may be Superfluous to explain the meaning of the Town to be, their entire willingness that each sect may enjoy freely their own sentiments, and in their own manner, but under restrictions that shall [205] shall bar their molestations of others, and effectually check all specious and insidious measures to undermine and overthrow society.

Averse to an interruption of the deliberations of the Legislature in the weightier concerns of the Common-

wealth, the Town forbear the minute and unessential particulars of a local contraversy. But will supply them, so far as may be necessary, in another manner.

For the reasons they have stated the Town of Fitchburg respectfully request that the petition of Daniel Putnam and others may not be granted on the principles they have proposed.

Voted that the foregoing Remonstrance be accepted, and that it be presented to the Legislature by Joseph Fox Esq^r our Representative and that he take with him certified copies of such records on the Towns books, and make such further details as may be necessary.

Voted to raise two hundred dollars to Supply the Pulpit

Voted to chuse a Committee to lay out the money raised to supply the pulpit

Voted that the Committee consist of three.

Voted and chose William Cuninghame, Deacon Tilden and David Boutell a committee for the purpose to laying out the two hundred dollars raised to supply the pulpit.

Voted to leive the report of the Committee respecting the Road that leads to Sam^l Taylors with the Selectmen, and for them to settle the besinefs in the best way and manner for the Interest of the Town they can.

Voted to sell the Stoves at Vendue.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to sell the Stoves for the most they will sell for at Vendue and make their report to the Town.

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

This certifies that we the Subscribers have this day met at the north East corner of the Town of Westminster, and the northwest corner of Fitchburg and have preambelated the line between the said Towns and renewed the bounds agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth in that case made and provided, and have hereunto inter-

chanably set our names this twenty fourth day of September 1804.

Abijah Goodridge	}	Selectmen
Amos Putnam		of Fitchburg
Abel Wood	}	Selectmen
Thaddeus Bond		of Westminster.

This day met and preambelated the line between Ashby and Fitchburg and renewed the bounds as the Law directs
Ashby Sep^r 27th 1804

Abijah Goodridge	}	Selectmen
Amos Putnam		of Fitchburg
Cushing Burr	}	Selectmen
W ^m Green		of Ashby

[206] Worcester fs. To either the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn, verbally, the freeholders & other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet and assemble at the meeting house on Munday the fourth day of March instant at eleven of the Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles viz.

- 1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2 To see if the town will chuse a committee to settle with the Town Treafurer or act any thing theiron.
- 3^d To see if the Town will vote to let the Swine run at large under the regulations of the Law the year ensuing.
- 4 To see if the Town will restrict the Cattle from runing at large on the Common & highways the year ensuing, or act any thing theiron.

Given under our hands and seals this fourth day of March Anno Domini 1805.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified by

law to vote in town meetings to appear at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

John Willard Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the fourth day of March 1805.

Voted and chose Cap^t Edward Durant Moderator.

Voted to adjorn this meeting for two hours then to meet at this place.

The Town meet according to adjournment.

Voted to chuse a committee to settle with the Town treafurer and they to make their report to the Town at sum future meeting.

Voted to chuse Three as a Committee.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^t Doc^t Peter Snow, & Jonas Marshall Ju^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to pafs over the 3rd Article in the Warrant respecting the Hoggs runing at large

Voted that all cattle be restrained from going at large the present year.

This meeting disolved. Edward Durant Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[207] Worcester. fs. To either the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn
(Seal) the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town
(Seal) quallified by law to vote in town meeting, to meet
(Seal) & assemble at the meeting house on munday the
fourth day of march next, at nine of the Clock in
the forenoon to act on the following Articles viz.

1 To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see what method the Town will take to notify and warn their town meetings the year ensuing, or act any thing theiron.

3. To chuse a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and other Town officers as the Law directs, and act

any thing in regard to chusing Collectors, the Town may think proper.

4 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to repair their Higways & bridges the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to repairing any particular bridge they may think proper.

5 To see what Sum of money the town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the Town.

6 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the Support of schools, the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper.

7 To see what method the Town will take to Support their Poor the year ensuing or act any thing theiron.

8 To see if the Town will accept any road laid out by the Selectmen.

9. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to supply the Pulpit the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to laying out the money they think proper.

10 To see what order the town will take respecting a number of Certificates presented to the Selectmen from certain persons denominating themselves Strict Calvinists, or act any thing theiron.

11 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to lay out the New burying ground in regular form, or act any thing theiron.

12 To see if the Town will dispose of the Hooppoles on the towns land, or act any thing theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us on or before said day.

Given under our hands and Seals this fifteenth day of February AD. 1805.

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow.		
Abijah Goodridge.		
Amos Putnam		

Persuant to the within warrant I have Summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as theirin expresed to assemble at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned.

William Brown Ju^r Constable

[208] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 4th day of March 1805.

Voted and chose M^r Afa Perry Moderator.

Voted that the Town meetings for the future be warned as heretofore

Voted and chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Voted to chuse five Selectmen for the present year.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Reuben Smith Doc^t Peter Snow, Abijah Goodridge & Amos Putnam

. Selectmen

Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee . . Town Treasurer.

Voted to chuse three Affsors the present year.

Voted & Chose Israel Turner Esq^r Reuben Smith & Doc^t Peter Snow Affsors

Voted to let out the Collectorship upon the hundred pound to the lowest bidder at the house of Cap^t W^m Browns at four OClock this afternoon, the person, or persons, who bids of the Collectorship to bring two good bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town, the Selectmen to be a committee for this purpose, and they to make their report to the Town at the adjournment.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox, Jabez Sawyer, Abijah Goodridge, Amos Parce, Deacon Joseph Tilden, Asa Farwell, Abial Holt, Samuel Gibson Ju^r Josiah Macintire, Simeon Farwell Jacob Upton, Elias Macintire, Cap^t Edward Durant, Samuel Harrifs & Cap^t John Upton

. Highway Surveyors.

Voted that the pay p^r hour, cattle &c to be allowed for the same as last year, the Surveyors to be governed by that rule.

Voted & chose Amos Parce, Leiu^t Joseph Farwell, Ezekiel Knolton Aaron Houghton, Thomas Leitch, Blany Sampson Abijah Hartwell, & James Wares. . . Hogreves

Voted and chose John. R. Kemp & Joseph Downe Ju^r

. Cullers of hoops & Staves.

Voted and chose Timothy Garfield & Joseph Simons

. Sealors of leather

Voted and chose Afa Farwell & Tho^s Hilton

. Firewards

Voted and chose Person Brown & Joseph Willard

. Field drivers

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall Jun^r . Pound keeper

Voted & chose William Cuninghame & Stephen Thurston Tythingmen

Voted & chose John Willard, Daniel Harriss, & Liu^t Aaron Eaton Surveyors of Lumber

Voted and chose David Macintire & Israel Turner Esq^r Fence Viewers

\$700.00 Voted to raise Seven hundred dollars to repair the highways & Bridges the present year.

[209] Voted to adjorn this meeting for half an hour then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjornment & the meeting opened.

\$550.00 Voted to raise Five hundred & fifty dollars to defray the necessary expences of the Town

\$600.00 Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to support the schools the present year.

Voted to chuse a committeeman from each school district to meet and consider what each district shall draw in money for their propotion of the whole sum raised, and make their report at the adjornment of this meeting.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox, Asa Perry, Israel Turner Esq^r Eph^r Osborn, David Pratt, Thomas Cowdin, Reuben Smith, Joseph Polley, Benj^a Herrick, Daniel Putnam Esq^r & Jacob Gibson a committee for the above purpose.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox, Maj^r John Goodridge, Paul Wetherbee Ephraim Osborn, Asa Farwell, Joshua Phillips Cap^t Selvester, George Wood, Benj^a Herrick, Samuel Caswell, & Daniel Holt, School Committee

Voted that the Poor be let out at publick vendue at five oClock this afternoon, at the house of Cap^t William Browns to the lowest bidder by the weak, or year, as shall be agreed upon by the Selectmen, they to make their report to the Town at the adjornment.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmens laying out a road from David Bawldins house where it is now trod so

far as to meet the town road that goes by David Pratt's which report is as follows (viz)

The Subscribers have laid out a two rod road from Mr David Baldwin house, where it is now trod, so far as to meet the town road that goes by Mr David Pratt's house. The land is given & no expence to the Town.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	

Fitchburg Febr'y 15th 1805

Voted to raise Four hundred dollars to supply the Pulpit the present year.

Voted to chuse a committee to supply the Pulpit.

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Deacon Joseph Tilden, David Boutell, & Timothy Garfield a committee for the above purpose to lay out the Four hundred dollars

Voted to pass over the 10th article in the warrant respecting sum Certificates presented to the Selectmen from certain persons denominating themselves Strict Calvinists.

Voted to pass over the 11th article in the warrant respecting laying out the burying ground, in regular form,

Voted to pass over the 12th article in the warrant respecting cutting hoop poles on the towns land,

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first munday in April at One oClock in the afternoon, at this place,

April 1st 1805 The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened

The Committee appointed to consider and report respecting laying out the school money, made their report as follows (viz)

At a meeting of a committee, consisting of one man from each school district, chosen by the Town to agree upon, and report to the Town at the adjournment of March meeting [210] meeting, what each school district shall draw in money as their propotion of the whole sum raised for schooling the present year, on the 18th day of March 1805 the committee meet and have agreed upon the following, for the consideration of the Town (viz)

	proposed the present year	Drew last year	variation in the sums between this year, & last.
District N ^o 1	\$100..00.2	\$127..04.2	\$27..04.0 Short
N ^o 2	50..00.0	54..44.0	4..44.0 Short
N ^o 3	50..53.7	52..53.7	2..00.0 Short
N ^o 4	47..75.0	47..75.0	0..00.0 no difference
N ^o 5	41..79.0	25..79.0	16..00.0 more
N ^o 6	49..19.0	39..19.0	10..00.0 more
N ^o 7	50..31.4	44..89.4	5..42.0 more
N ^o 8	47..43.0	36..43.0	11..00.0 more
N ^o 9	56..00.4	64..94.4	8..94.0 Short
N ^o 10	60..68.5	70..68.5	10..00.0 Short
N ^o 11	46..29.8	36..29.8	10..00.0 more

Voted not to accept the report of the committee respecting laying out the school money the present.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for One hour, then to meet at this place

The Town meet according to adjournment, and the meeting opened.

Voted that five hundred & Sixty dollars be laid out of the school money the present year according to the number of scholars in each district, And forty dollars to be distributed by the Selectmen amongst the small districts according to their best Judgment.

Voted to chuse a committee to view the proposed road from Sam^l Phelps to the meeting house.

Voted that the Committee consist of Seven, and they to have no pay for their Services as Committeemen from the Town.

Voted & chose Israel Turner Esq^r Reuben Smith, Capt Aaron Wheeler, Doc^t Peter Snow David Boutell, John Thurston Ju^r & Joseph Richardson.

Voted that the above committee attend to the business of viewing between this & May meeting and they to report at the may meeting, whether it is expedient to lay out a road their or not. . . .

Voted to accept the report of the committee that was chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer, which report is as follows (viz)

The Subscribers a committee chosen by the Town to Settle with the Town Treasurer do make the following report. (Viz.)

We find in the Treasurers hands a note against Eph^t Kimboll dated Jan 30th 1800 of \$100..00
 four years Interest paid \$100..00
 Also one note against Ezra Dana dated Nov^r 30th 1798 due besides the Interest 3..50
 Also one other note against Ezra Dana dated Nov^{mr} 30th 1798 due besides the Interest 19..00
 Also a note against Maj^t John Goodridge dated Decm^{br} 24th 1802 due on s^d note besides Interest 5.. 3
 We find in the hands of Abijah Goodridge Collector for the year 1803 the sum of 28..00
 We find in the hands of Thomas French Collector for the year 1803 the sum of 113..88
 We find in the hands of W^m Brown Ju^r Collector for the year 1804 the sum of 648..66
 We find in the hands of John Willard Collector for the year 1804 the sum of 407..17
 We find in the hands of the Town Treafurer in cash the sum of 32..03
 We find due from the Town to the Wid^o Hannah Cowdin it being for the old meeting house 10..23
 We find due to the Pew holders in the old meeting house 67..83
 Fitchburg March 25th 1805

Israel Turner	} Committee
Peter Snow	
Jonas Marshall Ju ^r	

Voted to excuse Cap^t John Upton for Serving as a highway Surveyor the present year.

Voted & chose Abraham Farwell highway Surveyor for the present year in the rome of Cap^t John Upton excused.

[211] Voted and chose Amos Wheeler Tytheingman for the present year.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to Cap^t William Browns, and their to open the meeting Emdiatly.



CAPT. ISRAEL TURNER.

The Town meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened.

The committee appointed by the Town to let out the Poor have attend the besinefs and beg leave to report as follows (viz)

take 7^{Cents} Samuel French Struck off to Israel Turner Esq^r who is to give seven Cents p^r Week

give 61^{Cents}. Ephraim Smith Struck off to Benj^a Fuller for Sixty One cents p^r week.

give 3^{Cents}. Mary Wares Struck off to Verien Daniels for three Cents p^r week.

Fitchburg March 4th 1805 Peter Snow p^r order

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

The committee appointed by the Town to let out the Collectorship have attended to the besinefs, & beg leave to report as follows (Viz)

\$1.00 The Collectorship on the South side Struck off to William Brown Ju^r for One dollar on the hundred dollars

\$1.09 The Collectorship on the North side, Struck off to John Willard for One dollar & nine Cents on the Hundred dollars.

Fitchburg March 4th 1805 Peter Snow p^r Order

Voted to accept the report of the Committee.

Voted to accept of W^m Brown & Doct^r Peter Snow as bondsmen for W^m Brown Ju^r as Collector for the South side the Town.

Sworn Voted & chose William Brown Ju^r Collector for the South side the Town Collector

Sworn Voted and chose William Brown Ju^r Constable for the Town the present year Constable

Voted to accept of John Tilden & David Macintire as bondsman for John Willard as Collector for the north side the Town.

Voted & chose John Willard Collector for the north side of the Town Collector

Voted & chose John Willard Constable for the Town the present year Constable

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Asa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town of Fitch-
(Seal) burg, of Twenty one years of age and upwards,
(Seal) having a freehold estate within this Common-
wealth, of the annual income of Ten dollars, or
any estate to the value of Two hundred dollars, to meet
at the meeting house on Munday the first day of April
next, at three of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in
their votes for Governor, Lieu^t. Gov^r. And Senators & Coun-
cellors agreeable to the Constitution of S^d Commonwealth.
Given under our hands & seals at said Fitchburg this
Eleventh day of March AD. 1805

Israel Turner	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
Peter Snow		
Abijah Goodridge		
Amos Putnam		

[212] Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned
the inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed,
to meet at the time and place for the purpose within
mentioned

W^m. Brown Jun^r. Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Fitchburg assembled on munday the first day of April,
1805 to vote for Gov^r. Lieu^t. Gov^r. Senators & Council-
lors.

The meeting being opened. Votes for the following
persons were given in, counted & sorted. And a recorded
and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution
directs (viz)

Govenor

For His Excellency Caleb Strong 82

Hon James Sullivan 87

Lein^t Govener

For His Hon ^t Edward. H. Robins	77
Gen ^t William Heath	79

Senators and Councillors.

Hon Elijah Brigham Esq ^r 72	Gen ^t John Whiting . . . 83
Hon Daniel Bigelow Esq ^r 72	Sam ^l Jones Esq ^r 83
Hon Salem Town Esq ^r 72	Edw ^d Bangs Esq ^r 83
Hon Thomas Hale Esq ^r 72	Plincy Mirick Esq ^r 83

Israel Turner }
 Peter Snow } Selectmen
 Abijah Goodridge }
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Fitchburg Jan 15th 1805

The subscribers have this day Made a division of the school money which is as follows (Viz)

N ^o 1	Peter Snow	Committee	\$127..04..2
N ^o 2	Afa Perry	Do	54..44..0
N ^o 3	Person Brown	Do	52..53..7
N ^o 4	Timothy. F. Downe	Do	47..75..0
N ^o 5	Samuel Harrifs	Do	25..79..0
N ^o 6	Benj ^a Hartwell	Do	39..19..0
N ^o 7	Joshua Stickney	Do	44..89..4
N ^o 8	David Macintire	Do	36..43..0
N ^o 9	Thomas Thurston	Do	64..94..4
N ^o 10	Joseph Richardson	Do	70..68..5
N ^o 11	Timothy Batchelor	Do	36..29..8

Israel Turner }
 Reuben Smith } Selectmen.
 Peter Snow }

[213] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
 (Seal) the free holders and other inhabitants of said town
 (Seal) quallified by law to vote in town meetings to meet
 & assemble at the meeting house on the sixteenth
 day of May at two of the Clock P. M. to act on the fol-
 lowing articles. Viz.

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will vote that the people who attend on the ministry of the Rev^d Titus. T. Barton should be incorporated into a religious society, on the prinfpables that the joint Committee of the General Court in the last Sefsions, Stated in the report they had formed on the petition of Daniel Putnam & others.

3^d To see if the Town will erect a Monamental Stone with Suitable inscriptions over the Grave of the late Rev^d John Payson.

4th To see if the Town will accept of a report of a committee chosen to view the proposed road from Samuel Phelps to the meeting house, or act any thing in regard to accepting the road they shall think proper.

5th To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to support a singing school, or act any thing they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings to sum one of us on or before said day. Given under our hands & Seals this first day of May Anno Domini 1805.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant I have summonsd and notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as theirin expresed to assemble at the time & place, and for the purposes within mentioned William Brown Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on thursday y^e 16th day of May 1805.

Voted & Chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator

Voted that the Town of Fitchburg do freely and fully consent—That those persons in said Town who Stile themselves, The strict Calvinistic Society in said Town, be Incorporated into a Body Politic agreeable to the Report of the Committee of both houses of the Legislature, of which The Honorable William Brown was Chairman, on the Petition of Daniel Putnam & others, expresed in the

following words—"That the said Daniel Putnam and others, and those in said Fitchburg who shall unite with them for Religious Worship in the Space of six months from the date of their Incorporation, with their Polls & Estates, may be Incorporated into a Religious Congregational Calvinistic Society in Fitchburg, with full powers to manage any Funds or Donations which they do or may possess, for the support of their public Worship; with their right to the common Lands belonging to the said Town of Fitchburg, in proportion to their Valuation, with the right and power also, of assessing and Collecting Parish Taxes as the Law directs, provided they present their Petition at the first Session of the next General Court.

Voted to adjourn this meeting until another meeting is over respecting the choice of a Representative.

[214] The town meet according to adjournment

Voted to pass over the third article in the warrant

*The Subscribers have laid out a town road as follows
 Beginning at the town road between Mr Samuel Phelps & Mr Jacob Jaquiths and runs as follows (viz) beginning upon the Town road leading to the school house from Mr Jacob Jaquiths beginning One rod west of the line between Mr Sam^l Phelps & Mr Jacob Jaquith, Courses & distance as follows viz South 21° west 65 rods then South 13° W 10 rods, then South 14° W 8 rods, then South 24° W. 6 rods, then South 21° W. 14 rods, then West 41°. S. 31 rods, then West 27°. S. 10 rods, then West 31°. S. 18 rods then South 43° W. 19 rods, then South 15° W. 90 rods, then South 25° W. 58 rods then South 35°. W. 24 rods, then South 23°. W. 10 rods, then South 11°. W. 10 rods, then South 19°. W. 10 rods, then South 17°. W. 16 rods, then South 5°. W 18 rods, then South 18°. W 8 rods then West 35°. South 18 rods total four hundred & forty three rods. the road is expected will all be given except through a corner of Cap^t Will Browns land we have appraised the damage to him at Eighteen dollars

March 30th 1805.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

*Discontinued March, 1810.

The committee chosen by the Town to view the proposed road leading from Samuel Philps' land to the meeting house have attend the business & beg leave to report as follows Viz.

That your committee are of opinion that the road lately laid out by the Selectmen is the best rout to accommodate the Inhabitants in the north quarter of the Town, and that the Town accept the road on the following conditions that the Town pay all the damage thro the land belonging to the heirs of Joseph Low & Cap^t William Browns only, and that the Town have the benefit of the Subscription Subscribed to be worked on the road under the direction of a committee chosen for that purpose

Fitchburg May 16th 1805

Israel Turner	}	Committee
Joseph Richardson		
Peter Snow		
Reuben Smith		

Voted to accept the report of the Committee respecting the above described road upon the conditions expressed by the last committee.

Voted to chuse a Committee to See that the work subscribed be faithfully worked out on the road

Voted & chose Seven a committee for the above purpose viz Joseph Richardson Samuel Caswell Ju^r Samuel Phelps, Doct^r Peter Snow, John Farwell Ju^r Oliver Fox & Cap^t Allen Hallet.

Voted to disolve this meeting. the meeting was accordingly disolved

Israel Turner Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

The following is affixed to page 214:

Fitchburg May the 29 1805

This may Certify that I Calvin Meflinger have given Leave for the Road Lately Laid out by the Selectmen to go through my Land where they Laid it out by Receiving Pay for the Land in proportion to what I gave for the Land by the Acre & not to have any Gangway below the Bridge

Att Palamdnus Perkins
Amos Lawrence Jr

Calvin Meflinger

[215] Worcester, Is To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the male inhabitants of said Town being
 (Seal) twenty one years of age and resident in said Town
 for the Space of one year next preceeding, having
 a freehold estate within said Town of the annual income
 of Ten dollars or any estate to the value of two hundred
 dollars to meet at the meeting house on the Sixteenth day
 of may at four of the Clock P. M. for the purpose of
 choosing a representative to represent them at the General
 Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the
 last Wednesday of May

Given under our hands & seals at said Fitchburg the
 first day of May 1805

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Abijah Goodridge	

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and
 warned the male inhabitants of said Town quallified as
 theirin expresed to meet at the time & place and for the
 purpose within mentioned.

William Brown Jun^r Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Fitchburg asembled on thursday the 16th day of May
 1805 for the purpose of chusing a Representative.

The meeting oppened by reading the warrant, the
 Selectmen presided

A motion was made & seconded to see if the Town
 will send a representative the present year. The Vote
 call^d for and pass^d in the affirmative.

Voted & chose Deacon Samuel Gibson to represent
 them in General Court the year ensuing.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen
Reuben Smith	
Peter Snow	
Joseph Fox	Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freehoolders and other Inhabitants of
 (Seal) said Town Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to afsemble and meet at the Meeting house on Munday the 16th day of this Instant, at one OClock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting.

2nd To see wheather the Town will Chuse an agent or agents to defend an action comminced against the town by the Town of Nubury, or act any thing theiron as they may think proper.

3^y To see what method the Town will take to compleat fencing the New burying ground

4^{ly} To see if the Town will accept of any road laid out by the Selectmen or their order.

5^{ly} To see if the Town will give liberty to have a road made through the towns land Southwest of where the road is now trod.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing theiron. [216] theiron on or before said day given under our hands at Fitchburg this second day of December AD. 1805.

Israel Turner	} Selectmen.
Reuben Smith	
Abijah Goodridge	
Amos Putnam	

Pursuant to the within warrent I have Summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as theirin exprefed, to afsemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned. W^m Brown Ju^r Constable.

Fitchburg December 16th 1805.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on munday the 16th day of December 1805.

Voted and chose M^r Thomas Cowdin Moderator.

Voted to chuse two agents to defend the action the town of Nubury has comminced against the Town of

Fitchburg, to be heard and tryed at Ipswich in the County of Effex on the last munday of December Instant, for the support of Rhoda Thurlo, they, or either of them to manage the besinefs in behalf of the Town.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox & Israel Turner Esq^r Agents for the above purpose.

Voted to build a stone wall at the east & west ends of the New burying ground.

Voted to fence the back side of the New burying ground with a Virginia fence, with chesnut timber.

Voted to chuse a committee to see that the fence is made agreeable to what is proposed.

Voted to chuse three as a committee for the above purpose

Voted and Chose M^r Abijah Goodridge, M^r Asa Perry and Cap^t Edward Durant a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the fence above proposed to be built, to be done according to the best Judgment of the Committee.

Voted to pass over the last article in the warrant.

Voted to disolve this meeting.

Thomas Cowdin Moderator.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

At the above meeting the Town voted to accept a road laid out by the Selectmen provided their shall be no expence to the Town, more than common highway work, which road is described as follows. Viz.

A mamarandam of a road, or an alteration of a Town road laid out by the Subscribers Near M^r Thomas Cowdins viz:

Begining at the road now occupied at the upper end of a wall about twenty rods northeast of said Cowdins house, and runing Southwesterly by Stakes and one small chefnut tree on the Southeast side of said road about forty eight rods to the road, from whence it began. the proposed alteration will shorten the way about six rods.

Israel Turner }
Reuben Smith } Selectmen.
Amos Putnam }

N. B. done by request of M^r Thomas Cowdin.

[217] The Subscribers appointed by the Town to make a Division of the school money have attended to that business and hence the division which is as follows Viz.

Distriet N ^o	1. Joseph Fox Esq ^r	Committeeman	\$130..55.2
N ^o	2. John Goodridge	D ^o . . .	46..80.0
N ^o	3. Paul Wetherbee	D ^o . . .	46..94.5
N ^o	4. Ephraim Osborn	D ^o . . .	51..53.3
N ^o	5. Asa Farwell	D ^o . . .	35..76.7
N ^o	6. Joshua Phillips	D ^o . . .	38..35.5
N ^o	7. Lem ^t H. Sylvester	D ^o . . .	45..79.1
N ^o	8. George Wood	D ^o . . .	44..93.8
N ^o	9. Benj ^a Herrick	D ^o . . .	60..12.3
N ^o	10. Samuel Caswell	D ^o . . .	63..55.8
N ^o	11. Daniel Holt	D ^o . . .	35..63.8
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			\$600..00.0

Fitchburg Jan ^y 6 th 1806.	Israel Turner	} Selectmen
	Reuben Smith	
	Peter Snow	
	Abijah Goodridge	
	Amos Putnam	

Worcester. fs. To either the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 Town qualified by law to vote in town meetings,
 to meet and assemble at the meeting house on monday the
 third day of March next, at nine of the Clock in the fore-
 noon to act on the following articles, Viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To chuse Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen,
 and other town officers as the law directs, and act any
 thing in regard to chusing Collectors the town may think
 proper.

3 To see what sum of money the town will raise to
 repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing, or act
 any thing thereon they may think proper.

4 To see what sum of money the Town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the town

5 To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to laying out the money they think proper.

6 To see what method the Town will take to Support their poor the year ensuing or act any thing theiron.

7 To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen.

8 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

9 To see if the Town will allow the swine to run at large under the regulations of the law the present year.

[218] 10 To see if the Town will give a bounty for killing Crows the year ensuing or act any thing theiron.

11 To see if the Town will chuse a committee to settle with Doct Jonas Marshall respecting a law suit with Capt Eliha Smith, he being an agent for the town or act any thing theiron.

12 To see if the Town will provide a Carriage to carry the dead to the graveyard, or act any thing theiron.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said day with your doings theiron.

Given under our hands & seals this thirteenth day of February AD 1806.

Reuben Smith }
Peter Snow } Selectmen
Amos Putnam }

Persuant to the within Warrant I have summoned, and notified the Inhabitants of said town quallified as theirin expresed to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

William Brown Jun^r Constable

Fitchburg 3rd March 1806.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on monday the 3rd day of March 1806.

Voted and Chose M^r Asa Perry Moderator

Voted and Chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Voted and chose Mr Paul Wetherbee Town Treasurer.

Voted to chuse Five Selectmen for the present year.

Voted & Chose Doc^t Peter Snow, Deacon John Thurston Ju^r Mr David M^c Intire, Mr Thomas Cowdin & M^r Jos^s Simonds Selectmen

Voted that the three first Selectmen be afessor for the present year, viz

Doc^t Peter Snow, Deacon John Thurston Ju^r & Mr David M^c Intire Affessors

Voted to adjorn this meeting for One hour.

The Town meet according to adjornment.

Voted to let out the Collectorship upon the hundred pound to the lowest bidder at the house of Cap^t William Browns at five OClock this afternoon, the person, or persons, who bid off the Collectorship to bring two good bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town the last years, and this present years Selectmen to be a committee for this purpose, and they to make their report to the Town at the adjornment.

[219] Voted and Chose Joseph Farwell, Thomas Eaton, Cap^t James Cowdin W^m Cuninghame, Benja^a Kemp, Joseph Simons, Amos Lawrance Ju^r Solomon Carlton, Samuel Phelps, Paul Wetherbee, Cap^t S. Flint, Benja^a Herrick, W^m Kilborn, Daniel Harribs, & Eph^r Smith,

. Highway Surveyors

Voted that the pay p^t hour for Men, And for Cattle &c p^t day at highway work, be the same allowed as last year, and the Surveyors to govern themselves accordingly.

Voted & chose Mr Daniel Farwell, Sam^l Taylor, Samuel Cowdin Daniel Hodgskin, John Goodridge Ju^r Phillip Cowdin, Sam^l Caswell Ju^r Joel Eaton, Nehemiah Andrews, George. S. Putnam, David M^c Intire, and Joseph Boynton. Hogreves

Voted and chose John. R. Kemp & Joseph Downs Jun^r Coller of hoops & Staves.

Voted and chose Joseph Simonds & Timothy Garfield

. Sealers of leather

Voted and chose Amos Parce & Jonas Marshall Jun^r

. Firewards

Voted and Chose Benj^d Fuller & Ephraim Kindall

. Field drivers.

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall Ju^r . . Pound keeper

Voted and chose Verien Daniels, Timothy Demon &
Tim^o Garfield Tythingmen

Voted & chose Cap^t Aaron Eaton & John Willard

. Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted & chose Phillip Cowdin, John Willard & Asa
Perry Fence viewers

\$700..00 Voted to raise Seven hundred dollars to re-
pair the highways & bridges the present year.

\$600.00 Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to defray
the Necessary expences the present year.

\$600..00 Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to sup-
port the schools the present year.

Voted to lay out the school money the same as last
year.

Voted & chose John Farwell Ju^r Asa Perry, Simeon
Farwell, Daniel Harrifs, Daniel Farwell Ju^r Seth Phillips,
George. S. Putnam Cap^t Selvester. P. Flint, William Bol-
ton, Sam^l Phelps, & Daniel Andrews

. School Committeemen

Voted that the Selectmen see to the Supporting of the
Poor in the best way and manner they can for the Inter-
est of the Town.

Voted to chuse a committee of three to Settle with
the Town Treasurer.

Voted and chose John Thurston Ju^r Doc^t Peter Snow,
& Joseph Fox a committee for the above purpose.

Voted to pafs over the 9th Article respecting Swines
runing at large.

20 ^{Cts} Crows Voted that the Town Treasurer be au-
thorised to pay to any person who shall kill any Crows
within the limits of this Town between this and the next
march meeting, Twenty Cents for each Crow.

[220] Voted to chuse a Committee to Settle with
Doc^t Jonas Marshall he being an agent for the Town, re-
specting a law Sute the Town had with Cap^t Elifba Smith.

Voted that the Committee consist of Three.

Voted & chose Reuben Smith, Paul Wetherbee & Joseph Fox a committee for the above purpose, and make a report at the adjournment respecting the besinefs.

Voted that the Town provide a carriage to carry the Dead to the grave.

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to procure a Carriage to carry the Dead to the grave, and they to report to the Town the expence for their acceptance.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first monday of April next at three OClock in the afternoon at this place.

The meeting was accordingly adjorned.

On the 7th day of April 1806. being the first monday of April the Town meet according to adjornment.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to Cap^t William Browns at six OClock this afternoon, then & their to proceed to besinefs.

The Town meet according to adjornment at Cap^t W^m Browns and the meeting opened.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen to Settle with the Town Treasurer, which report is as follows Viz.

March 6th 1806 The Subscribers a Committee chosen by the Town to Settle with the Town Treasurer make the following Statement. viz

We find in the Treasurers hands a note against Eph ^r Kimboll for the Sum of \$100..00 dated 30 Jan ^y 1800, on Interest, five years Interest paid	\$100..00
Also two notes against Ezra Dana dated Nov ^r 30, 1798 on Interest both notes amounting too \$22..50. prinsapal	22..50
Also a note against Maj ^r John Goodridge dated 24 Decemb ^r 1802 on Interest	5..18
Also a note against Timothy Garfield dated 3 ^d December 1804 on Interest	8..75
Also a note against William Brown Ju ^r dated 3 ^d December 1804 on Interest	5..80
Also a note against Joseph Farnsworth dated 3 ^d December 1804 on Interest Sum of . . .	6..00

We find due to the Pew holders in the old meeting house the Sum of 67..83
 We find in the hands of W^m Brown Ju^r Collector for the year 1805 the Sum of 588..32
 We also find in the hands of John Willard Collector for the year 1805 the Sum of 462..22
 We find in the Treasurers hands the Sum of . . . 112..77

We have Settled with the Treasurer and allowed him Twenty four dollars for two years Services which is in full to the 3rd day of March 1806. Peter Snow } Committee
 Joseph Fox }

[221] Voted to excuse William Bolton from Serving as Highway Surveyor the present year.

Voted and chose Benj^a Herrick one of the Surveyors of Highways the present year in the Rhome of William Bolton excused.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to let out the Collectorship which report is as follows Viz.

Agreeable to a vote of the Town pafs^d March 3rd 1806 The committee appointed to let out the Collectorship have attended to the besinefs, and make the following report Viz.

The collection on the South side of the Town is let out to Daniel Farwell Ju^r for One dollar on the hundred dollars.

The collection on the north side of the Town to Henry Haskiel for One dollar & twelve cents on the hundred dollars. Peter Snow p^r order of the Committee

Voted to accept of Porter Kimboll as Collector for the South & north sides of the Town in the rome of Daniel Farwell Ju^r for the South side of the Town & in the rome of Henry Haskiel for the North Side of the Town his bringing Ephraim Kimboll Ju^r & Daniel Farwell Ju^r as bondsmen, for which he is to be allowed the same as Farwell & Haskiel bid it of at.

Voted and chose Porter Kimboll Collector for the Town of Fitchburg for the present year . . . Collector

Voted to chuse two Constables for the present year.

Voted & chose Porter Kimboll Constable for the present year Constable

Voted & chose Daniel Farwell Ju^r Constable for the present year Constable

The constables, and Collector was notified to take the Oaths required by law by one of the Selectmen viz Mr John Thurston Ju^r

Asa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Mamarandam of the Selectmens report, for providing for the poor. See second leaf from this was not deli^d to the town Clerk untill may meeting is the reason of its not being recrded in its proper place J. Fox T. Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
(Seal) the male inhabitants of the said Town of Fitch-
(Seal) burg of Twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold estate within this Commonwealth of the Annual income of ten dollars, or any other estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting house on monday the Seventh day of April next, at One of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Govenor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counfellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg this 15th day of March 1806

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r	
Tho ^s Cowdin	
Joseph Simonds	

Persuant to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as therein expresed to meet at the time and place for the purposes therein mentioned.

William Brown Ju^r Constable

Fitchburg April 5th 1806.

[222] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on monday the 7th day of April 1806 To vote for Govenor Leiu^t Govenor, Senators & Counfellors.

The meeting being oppened, Votes for the following persons were given in, counted and Sorted, and recorded, and delaration theirol made as by the Constitution directs, viz.

Govenor

For His Exe Caleb Strong Esq^r 76
 Hon James Sullaven Esq^r 112

Leiu^t Govenor

For His Honor Edw^d H. Robins Esq^r 73
 Gen^l William Heath 114

Senators and Counfellors

Hon Daniel Bigelow Esq^r 74
 Hon Thomas Hale Esq^r 74
 Hon Elijah Brigham Esq^r 74
 Hon Salem Towne Esq^r 74
 Edward Bangs Esq^r 115
 Pliny Mirick Esq^r 115
 Samuel Jones Esq^r 115
 Mofes White Esq^r 115

Peter Snow
 John Thurston Ju^r } Selectmen
 David M^r Intire }
 Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders, and other inhabitants of
 (Seal) said Town, quallified by Law, to vote in town
 meetings, to meet and assemble at the meeting
 house on monday the Seventh day of April next at five
 of the clock in the afternoon to Act on the following
 articles viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will consent that an alteration be made on the County road up the sand Hill (so called) thro' the towns land without any expence to the town, or act any thing thereon.

3^d To see if the Town will allow the Cattle to run at large on the Common and Highways the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg this 18th day of March AD 1806.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Jun ^r	
Tho ^s Cowdin	
Joseph Simonds	

Persuant to the within warrant I have Summoned and Notified the Inhabitants of said Town quallified as their- in Expresed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Fitchburg 5th April 1806. W^m Brown Jun^r Constable

[223] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled on monday the 7th day of April 1806.

Voted and chose M^r Asa Perry Moderator

Voted to pafs over the 2nd article in the warrant

Voted that Cattle be not allowed to go at large on the highways & Common the present year

Voted to defsolve this meeting.

The meeting was accordingly difsolved

Asa Perry Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the male inhabitants of said town being
 (Seal) twenty one years of age, and resident in said Town
 for the space of one year next proceeding having a
 freehold estate within said town of the Annual income of

ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the meeting house on Friday the Sixteenth day of May next at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chusing a representative to represent them, at the General Court appointed to be convened to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and seals at said Fitchburg the twenty eight day of of April AD 1806.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen.
John Thurston Jun ^r		
Joseph Simonds		
Thos ^s Cowdin		

Fitchburg May 16th 1806 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said Town, qualified as theirin exprest to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned.

Porter Kimboll Constable.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on friday y^e 16th day of May 1806 for the purpose of chusing a representative.

The meeting was opened by reading the warrant, the Selectmen presided.

A motion was made, & Seconed, to see if the town will send a representative the present year. The vote called for, and pafsed in the affirmative.

Voted & chose Deacon Samuel Gibson to represent them in General Court the year ensuing.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen.
John Thurston Jun ^r		
David M ^c Intire		
Thos ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

[224] The Selectmen for the Town of Fitchburg agreable to a vote of the Town March 3^d 1806 have attended to the besinefs of providing for the poor and make a statement of the besinefs as follows viz.

Samuel French is let out Israel Turner Esq^r he to

pay the Town thirty three Cents p^r weak for French^s
Service \$0..33

Mary Wares to Joshua Parce he to have two cents
p^r weak for Supporting her \$0..02

Ephraim Smith to Benj^a Fuller, he to have Seventy
five Cents p^r weak for Supporting him \$0..75
this Statement I rec^d of the Selectmen.

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables for the
Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of said
(Seal) town quallified by law to vote in town meetings to
(Seal) meet and assemble at the meeting house on Monday
the eighth day of September next at two OClock
P. M. and when meet to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2 To see if the town will regulate the list of Jurymen
as exhibited by the Selectmen or act any thing theiron
the town may think proper.

3 To see if the Town will give the Selectmen any fur-
ther directions respecting the carriage to carry the Dead
on, or act any thing theiron the Town may think proper.

4 To see if the Town will make A Settlement with
M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r respecting the line between said
Marshalls land, and the town land or act any thing
theiron the town may think proper.

5. To see if the Town will erect a Powder house or
act any thing theiron the Town may think proper.

6. To see what method the town will direct the Con-
stables to Notify the Inhabitants for the choice of Jury-
men, or act any thing theiron.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this
eighteenth day of August AD. 1806.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r	
David M ^c Intire.	
Tho ^s Cowdin.	
Joseph Simonds.	

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg Sept 8th 1806

Persuant to the within warrant I notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town quallified as the Law directs to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Porter Kimboll Constable for Fitchburg.

[225] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on monday y^e 8th day of September 1806.

Voted and Chose Israel Turner Esq^r Moderator.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to regulate the Jury boxes according to Law in behalf of the Town

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to procure a two wheel carriage for the Use of the Town, to carry the Dead to the grave.

Voted to chuse a committee to look into the circumstances of the lines between M^r Jonas Marshall Ju^r and the towns land in order to form their opinions respecting a Settlement with said Marshall

Voted that the Committee consist of five.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee for the above purpose, and they to report to the Town at sum future meeting.

Voted to add two to the above Committee, and the Committee to settle with the said Marshall in the best way and manner they can, and in that way that they shall think will be for the Interest of the Town.

Voted & chose Abraham Willard & Joseph Fox to be added to the above Committee

Voted that a Committee be chosen to look out a Suitable place for a Powder house, and Asertain what in their opinion will be the best meterials for building the house, and procure a plan of the house, and asertain the expence as near as they can, and make their report to the town at sum future meeting.

Voted and chose Joseph Fox, Asa Perry, and Israel Turner Esq^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the Constable upon his receiving the

Venires, for Grand & Petit Jurys, give notice to the Selectmen & the Town Clerk, of the time and place for the drawing the Jurymen required by the Venires, And this shall be the method to notify for the drawing of Jurymen in future.

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

Israel Turner Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg
(Seal) duly quallified to vote for representatives in the
general Court of said commonwealth (Viz) the Male
inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age
and resident in said town for the space of One year next
preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of
the Annual income of three pounds or any estate to the
value of Sixty pounds, to assemble at the meeting house
in said town on Munday the third day of November next,
being the the first munday in said month, at three OClock
in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a representa-
tive of the people of said commonwealth in the Congress
of the United States for the Worcester North district.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this
sixteenth day of Oct^r AD. 1806.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Jun ^r	
Thomas Cowdin	

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg Oct^r 20th 1806.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the
frecholders and Inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg
quallified to vote in the choice of representatives to assem-
ble at the time and place and for the purpose within men-
tioned

Porter Kimball Constable.

[226] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 3rd day of November 1806 it being the first munday in said month for the purpose of chusing a representative for the North Worcester district of the commonwealth of mafsachusetts, to represent us in the Congrefs of the United States.

The town being assembled, the Votes called for and brought in, counted and Sorted, and declaration made of the persons voted for and was as follows. (Viz.)

For William Stedman Esq^r Fifty.

General John Whiting Fifty five.

The Selectmen declared this meeting dissolved

John Thurston Jun ^r	}	Selectmen
David Mc intire		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

Division of school money for 1806.

The Committee chosen by the town to make a division of the school money have attended to the besinefs, and is as follows, viz.

District N ^o 1.	John Farwell Committee . . .	\$133..59..5
2.	Afa Perry D ^o . . .	44..17..6
3.	Simeon Farwell D ^o . . .	48..58..4
4.	Daniel Harrifs D ^o . . .	54..90..2
5.	Daniel Farwell Jun ^r D ^o . . .	37..03..5
6.	Seth Phillips D ^o . . .	38..69..6
7.	Geo. S. Putnam D ^o . . .	41..60..1
8.	Selvester. P. Flint D ^o . . .	45..26..1
9.	William Bolton D ^o . . .	54..90..2
10.	Samuel Phelps D ^o . . .	62..22..2
11.	Daniel Andrews D ^o . . .	35..36..6
		<u>\$596..34..0</u>

Peter Snow p^r order of the Committee

[227] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
(Seal) town qualified by law to vote in town meetings,
(Seal) to meet and assemble at the meeting house on
monday the second day of March next at Nine of
the Clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following arti-
cles viz.

1 To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To chuse Town Clerk, town Treasurer, Selectmen,
and all other town officers as the law directs, and any
thing in regard to chusing, Collectors the town may think
proper.

3 To see what sum of money the town will raise to
repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing, or act
any thing theiron they may think proper.

4 To see what sum of money the town will raise to
defray the necessary expence of the town.

5 To see what sum of money the town will raise for
the support of the schools the year ensuing or act any
thing in regard to laying out the money they think proper.

6 To see what method the town will take to support
their poor the ensuing year, or act any thing theiron.

7 To see if the town will accept of any roads laid
out by the Selectmen, or their order

8 To see if the town will chuse a committee to settle
with the town treasurer

9 To see if the town will allow the Swine to run at
large under the regulations of the law the present year.

10 To see if the town will give a bounty for killing
Crows the year ensuing or act any thing theiron.

11 To see if the town will relieve Mr Ephraim Kim-
ball in regard to the Bridge near the Farwells Shop, or
act any thing theiron respecting said Bridge they think
proper

12 To see what method the town will take to notify
their town meetings in future, or act any thing theiron.

13 To see if the town will purchase a small pice of
land in addition to their burying ground, or act any
thing theiron they think proper.

14 To see if the town will chuse Saxtons to take care of their burying yards, or act any thing theiron.

Given under our hands and seals this ninth day of February AD 1807

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Junr		
David Macintire		
Thos Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds.		

Worcester. fs. February 24th 1807

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned, and notified the inhabitants of said town quallified as theirin expressed to affemble at the time and place and for the purpofes within mentioned.

Daniel Farwell Junr Constable

[228] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on monday the 2nd day of March 1807.

Voted and chose Mr Samuel Gibson Moderator.

Voted & Chose Joseph Fox ^{Sworn} Town Clerk

. Town Clerk

Voted & chose Paul Wetherbee ^{Sworn} Treasurer

. Treasurer

Voted to chuse five Selectmen the present year

Voted & chose Doc^t Peter Snow, ^{Sworn} John Thurston Junr ^{Sworn} John Willard ^{Sworn} Thomas Cowdin ^{Sworn} & Joseph Simonds, ^{Sworn} Selectmen Selectmen

Voted and Doc^t Peter Snow, ^{Sworn} John Thurston Junr ^{Sworn} & John Willard ^{Sworn} Affsors

Voted to adjorn this meeting for one hour.

The town meet according to adjornment, and the meeting opened.

Voted that the Collectorship be let out at Vendue to the lowest bidder at the house of Timothy Garfields, at five OClock this afternoon, and that the Selectmen be a Committee for that purpose, and those who bid of the Collectorship to bring two bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town.

Voted and chose David Boutell, ^{Sworn} Ephraim Davis ^{Sworn} Asa Wood, ^{Sworn} Amos Parce, ^{Sworn} Abraham Willard

Sworn Benja^a Fuller, Sworn Phinehas Wetherbee, Sworn Amos Putnam Ju^r Jeremiah Kinsman Ju^r Sworn Simeon Farwell, Sworn Joseph Willard Sworn Wm Bolton, Amos Wheeler, Timothy F. Downe, Sworn and John. R. Kemp Sworn Surveyors of highways Highway Surveyors

Voted that the highway Surveyors allow for men per hour, and Ox work, Cart, plow, &c p^r day, the same as last year and the Surveyors to govern themselves accordingly.

Voted & chose Benja^a Herrick, Cap^t Thomas Thurston, Abial Holt, Sworn Jonathan Thurston Elijah Macintire Ju^r Joseph Carter, Sworn Isaiah Putnam, William Kimball Joel Page, Abel Farwell Sworn Samuel Kimball, Sworn Asa Perry Ju^r Sworn Nathan Ordway, Reuben Smith Ju^r Amos Lawrence Ju^r Josiah Wilder Sworn & Samuel Taylor to be Hogreves the year ensuing Hogreves

[229] Voted and chose Joseph Downe Ju^r and John. R. Kemp Sworn Cullers of hoops and Staves

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds Sworn & Timothy Garfield Sworn Sealers of leather

Voted & chose Thomas Hilton & Jacob Gibson

. Fire wards

Voted & chose Levi Farwell, Sworn & William Brown Ju^r Sworn Field drivers

Voted & chose Cap^t Aaron Eaton Sworn Pound keeper

Voted & chose Cap^t Thomas Thurston & Ephraim Kimball Ju^r Tythingmen

Voted & chose John Willard Sworn & Thomas Eaton Ju^r declined taking the oath. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & chose Samuel Gibson Ju^r Sworn William Brown Ju^r Sworn & Jacob Upton Sworn Fence viewers

Voted to raise Seven hundred dollars to repair the highways & bridges the present year.

Voted to pass over the 4th article in the warrant untill the adjournment

Voted to raise six hundred dollars to support the schools the preset year.

Voted to lay out the school money the same as last year.

Voted & chose John. R. Kemp, Amos Parce, Asaph

Boutell, Ephraim Osborn, David Bawldin, Tho^s Cowdin, Jonathan Boynton, Stephen Dole, Benj^s Sheldon, Pellemedus Perkins and Abial Holt School Committee.

Voted that the school money be laid out the same as last year.

Voted that the number of schollars be returned by each school Committeeman belonging to his destriect to the Selectmen, by the first monday of September, and not to be rec^d by the Selectmen after the first monday in September.

Voted that each School Committeeman take the number of schollars in his destriect the last weak in August.

Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to see that the Poor belonging to the town, be supported in the best way that they shall think is for the Interest of the town.

Voted to chuse a Committee of three to settle with the town treasurer.

Voted & chose Simeon Farwell, George Wood & John Thurston Ju^r a committee for the above purpose.

Voted not to have the Swine run at large under the regulation of the law the present year.

Voted that the town treasurer be authorised to pay to any person or persons, belonging to this town, who shall take, and kill, any Crows within, the limits of this town, between this date and the next March meeting, Twenty cents for each Crow.

[230] Voted to relinquish two years Interest to Ephraim Kimball on a note the town holds against him for one hundred dollars for money said Kimball borrowed of the town to build his Bridge.

Voted to relinquish to Ephraim Kimball the one half of the prinsaple of A hundred dollar note the town holds against him which was loaned to said Kimball for the purpose of building a Bridge over the river nigh Farwells shop which Bridge is now carried away by the freshet, in consideration that the said Kimboll rebuilds the Bridge and keeps it in good repair for the future.

*This vote, is voted, to be reconfidered at the adjournment and recorded.

*This is an annotation on the margin opposite the preceding paragraph.

Voted that notifications for town meetings be notified as usual, and be posted up at both meeting houses.

Voted that the Selectmen make enquiry, whether the town can procure a piece of land adjoining to the New burying ground, and make report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen be Authorised to appoint such a number of Saxtons as they shall think proper to take care of the burying Yards, Dig graves, &c

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at One OClock in the afternoon.

The meeting was accordingly adjourned.

On Monday the 6th day of April being the first Monday in said month. The town meet according to adjournment, and the meeting opened, and proceeded to business. Viz.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to Settle with the town Treasurer, which is as follows Viz.

Fitchburg March 5th 1807 The Subscribers a Committee chosen by the town to settle with the town Treasurer made the following Settlement, Viz.

We find in the Treasurers hands a note against Ephraim Kimball dated 30 Jan ^y 1800 on Interest	\$100..00
Five years interest paid	
Also two notes against Ezra Dana dated 30 Nov ^r 1798 on Interest both notes amounting to	22..50
Also a note against Mr J John Goodridge dated 24 th Dec ^r 1802 on Interest	5..18
Also a note against William Brown Ju ^r dated 3 rd Dec ^r 1804 on Interest of	5..80
We find in the hands of William Brown Ju ^r Collector for the year 1805 the sum of	167..20
We also find in the hands of Porter Kimball Collector for the year 1806 the sum of	1016..91
We also find in the hands of the Treasurer which he is accountable to the town for in cash .	86..58

We have settled with the treasurer and allowed him twelve dollars for his Services as Treasurer in full to the above date

We find due to the pew holders in the old meeting house the sum of 67..83

Simeon Farwell	} Committee
George Wood.	
John Thurston Junr	
Paul Wetherbee Treasurer.	

[231] Voted to raise Four hundred dollars to defray the Necessary expences the present year.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as a Committee respecting letting out the Poor which report is as follows viz.

Fitchburg March 4th 1807. The Subscribers a Committee chosen by the town to let out the Poor and to appoint Saxtons in the middle & West parts of the Town, have attended to the besinefs, and have agreed with Israel Turner Esqr to take Samuel French he to pay thirty five cents p^r weak for French's Services.

We have agreed with Cap^t James Cowdin to take Mary Wares and to give him thirty three Cents p^r weak for keeping her

We have agreed with M^r Levi Farwell to take Eph^m Smith, and to give him Sixty seven Cents p^r weak for keeping him.

Peter Snow	} Committee
John Thurston Junr	
John Willard	
Thomas Cowdin	
Joseph Simonds	

The Selectmen report that they have appointed Levi Davis a Saxton in the middle of the town.

And Solomon Carlton a Saxton in the west part of the town

Fitchburg March 4th 1807.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Junr	
John Willard	
Tho ^s Cowdin	
Joseph Simonds	

Voted to reconsider the Vote pafsed the 2nd day of March last respecting giving Ephraim Kimboll Fifty dollars out of the note he owes the town of One hundred dollars

Voted to accept the report of the Committee respecting leting out the Collectorship which is as follows Viz.

March 2nd Five oClock in the afternoon, The Committee chosen to let out the Collectorship attended to the besinefs afsigned them at the house of Timothy Garfield's and was bid of to the following persons Viz.

The South side of the town set up to the lowest bidder upon the hundred dollars, and whoever bids it of to bring two bondsmen to the acceptance of the town, And was bid of to Asa Perry at \$1..25

The North side of the town set up to the lowest bidder upon the hundred dollars, and whoever bids it of to bring two bondsmen to the acceptance of the town, And was bid of to Abijah Goodridge at \$1..15

Peter Snow p^r order of the Committee

Voted to adjorn this meeting to Five OClock this afternoon to M^r Timothy Garfields Hall. The meeting was accordingly Adjorned.

The town meet according to adjournment, And Chose Doe^t Peter Snow Moderator Pro tem

Voted & chose Porter Kimball ^{Sworn} to be collector for the South & North sides of the town upon the same prin-saples, And for the same sums as bid of to Asa Perry & Abijah Goodridge for collecting the whole of the taxes the present year. Viz. upon the South side at [232] at \$1..25 upon the hundred dollars, And upon the North side at \$1..15 upon the hundred dollars Collector

Voted to accept of Asa Perry & Ephraim Kimball Ju^r Bondsmen for Porter Kimball as Collector for the whole of the taxes on both sides of the town.

Voted to chuse two Constables for the present year.

Voted and chose Porter Kimball ^{Sworn} Constable

. Constable

Voted and chose Ephraim Kimball Ju^r ^{Sworn} Constable

. Constable

Voted to pafs over the thirteenth article in the Warrant.

Voted to disolve this meeting and the meeting was
by the Moderator declared disolved

Peter Snow Moderator pro tem

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the town
of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Malsachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Male inhabitants of said town of Fitch-
(Seal) burg of twenty one years of age and upwards
(Seal) having a freehold estate within the Common-
wealth of the Annual income of ten dollars or any
estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet and
Assemble at the meeting house on Monday the sixth day
of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon, to
give in their votes for a Governor, Lieu^t Governor, and
Senators and Counfellors agreeable to the Constitution of
this said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands, and Seals at said Fitchburg
this fouth day of March AD. 1807.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r		
John Willard		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg March 16th 1807

Persuant to the within Warrant I have notified the
inhabitants of said town quallified by Law to vote in
said meeting to meet at time and place and for the pur-
poses within mentioned. Porter Kimball Constable

[233] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Com-
monwealth of Malsachusetts, quallified by the Constitu-
tion to vote for Governor, And Lieu^t Governor, holden on
the 6th day of April, being the first Monday of said month,
in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and
Seven, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Gover-
nor, and Lieu^t Governor of said Commonwealth. Votes

for the following persons were given in, Sorted, counted and recored, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed Viz.

For Governor	{	His Excelancy Caleb Strong Esq ^r . . .	95
	}	The Hon James Sullivan Esq ^r . . .	113
For Lieu ^t Governor	{	His Honour Edward. H. Robins Esq ^r	87
	}	Hon — Levi Lincoln Esq ^r . . .	111
	}	His Excelancy Caleb Strong Esq ^r .	1

Attest.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r		
John Willard		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts quallified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counfellors, holden on the 6th day of April being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Seven for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors for the Destrict of the County of Worcester Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted, counted, and recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed to Wit.

For The Hon Salem Town Esq ^r	87
The Hon Elijah Brigham Esq ^r	87
The Hon Thomas Hale Esq ^r	87
Jonas Kendall Esq ^r	87
For Pliny Merrick Esq ^r	114
Edward Bangs Esq ^r	114
Samuel Jones Esq ^r	114
Mofes White Esq ^r	113
John Whiting	1

Attest.

Peter Snow	}	Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r		
John Willard		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.		

[231] Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting
 (Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town meetings, to meet and Assemble at the meeting house on monday the fourth day of may next at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles Viz.

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2^d To see what method the town will take to repair the bridge near M^r Jo^s Richardson, or act any thing respecting said bridge they may think proper.

3^d To see if the Town will discontinue a bridle road laid out from where M^r Tim^o Batchelor liv,^d thro' M^r Amos Lawrance's land to the town road, and accept of a road laid out from M^r Phinehas Wetherbee's to the town road by M^r Lawrence's, by the Selectmen or their order, or act any thing theiron.

4 To see if the town will do any thing toward opening the road lately laid out from M^r Sam^l Philips', to the meeting house or act any thing respecting said road they may think proper.

5th To see if the town will accept of any roads laid out by the Subscriber and repair any bridges they think necessary or act any thing theiron.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg this thirteenth day of April AD 1807.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r	
John Willard	

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg April 20th 1807.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified as within directed
 Porter Kimball Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on munday the 4th day of May 1807.

Voted and chose W^m Cuninghame Moderator.

Voted to refer the 2nd article in the warrant to the descretion of the Selectmen.

[235] Voted that a bridle road laid out to com-
mode Timothy Batchelor through Amos Lawrances land,
be discontinued.

Voted to accept of a bridle rode laid out by a com-
mittee to comode Phinehas Wetherbee be accepted if the
land is given the difscription of the road is as follows Viz.

The Subscribers by order of the Selectmen have laid
out for the use of M^r Phinehas Wetherbee a bridle way
which is as follows Viz.

begining at said Wetherbee,s house, from thence runing
Southwesterly on a Streight line on said Wetherbee,s land
till it comes to M^r Amos Lawrence,s land by an Oak
Stump on the westward side of said road, thence on the
Same line till it comes to a Chesnut Stump thence bearing
a little more towards the west so as to come out in frount
of said Lawrence,s house as near said house as can be
convenient, to the town road.

Fitchburg April 23rd 1807

John Thurston Jun ^r	} Committee
Phinehas Wetherbee	
Amos Lawrence Jun ^r	

Voted to chuse a Committee to converce with Cap^t
W^m Brown & the Rev W^m Bascom respecting making an
alteration in the road laid out from M^r Sam^l Phelp^s to
the meeting house, and the Committee to make their re-
port at the next town meeting.

Voted that the Committee consist of three

Voted & chose M^r David Boutell, Israel Turner Esq^r
& Cap^t Edward Durant a committee for the above pur-
pose.

Voted to difsolve this meeting.

W^m Cuningham Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the town
of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and
(Seal) warn the male inhabitants of said Town, being
twenty one years of age & resident in said town

for the space of One year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said town, of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars [236] dollars, to meet at the meeting house on Monday the fourth day of May next at four of the Clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chusing a representative to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened, and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Fitchburg this thirteenth day of April AD. 1807.

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r	
John Willard	

Worcester fs. Fitchburg April 20th 1807.

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified as within mentioned.

Ephraim Kimball Ju^r

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Assembled on Monday the 4th day of May 1807.

The meeting was oppened by reading the warrant, and the Selectmen precided.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will Chuse a representative the present year to represent the town in General Court.

The vote was called for by the Selectmen, and it pafsed in the affirmative.

Voted & chose M^r Samuel Gibson to represent the town in General Court the year ensuing

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston Ju ^r	
Tho ^s Cowdin	
John Willard	
Joseph Simonds	
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.	

[237] Worcester. fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 (Seal) town quallified by law to vote in town meetings
 to meet and assemble at the town meeting house
 in said town on wednesday the thirteenth day of May
 next at four OClock P. M. to act on the following articles
 viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting.

2^{ly} To see if the town will petition to the General
 Court at their next Sefion to grant to its inhabitants
 the previledge to shift from one of the Parishes to the
 other, or Join either of them if they chuse, by giving in
 their names to the Clerks of the parishes of said town
 annually on a certain day the Court shall see fit to ap-
 point, or act any thing theiron the town may think
 proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this
 twenty seventh day of April AD 1807.

John Thurston Ju ^r	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Peter Snow		
Tho ^s Cowdin		

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg April 29th 1807.

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the
 freeholders and other inhabitants of said town quallified
 by law to vote in town meetings to meet at the time and
 place, and for the purpose within mentioned.

Porter Kimball Constable.

Fitchburg May 13th 1807 At a legal meeting of the
 inhabitants assembled on the 13th of May. the town
 Clerk being absent the meeting was opened by one of the
 Selectmen.

A motion being made voted and chose Peter Snow
 town Clerk pro tempore.

Voted and chose Deacon John Thurston Ju^r Modera-
 tor.

The motion was made and seconded to pafs over the
 second article, which pafs'd in the Negative.

The motion was then made to see if the town will petition the General Court agreeably to the article in the warrant, which pass'd in the affirmative by a majority of Eleven.

Voted to chuse a Committee to draft a petition the General Court to lay before the town for their acceptance.

Voted the Committee consist of three Viz Deacon Ebn^r Thurston, Benj^a Herrick & M^r Reuben Smith, and they to report at the adjournment.

Voted to adjorn the meeting for fifteen minutes, and then to meet again at this place.

The town meet again agreeable to adjournment.

Voted to accept the petition, presented by the Committee, which petition is as follows. Viz.

To

[238] To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The petition of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, in legal town meeting assembled, Humbly Sheweth,

That there are two religious Societies in the town, both denominated Congregational, yet differing so widely in religious sentiments, that those who compose one of the Societies petitioned for, and obtained of the Honorable Court an Act of incorporation June 1805. The plea of the petitioners was, "There being no religious Society in the town with which to petitioners could Join without doing violence to their own Consciences, and the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth giving liberty of Consience to all Men." The Honorable Court in the Act of incorporation in consequence, it is thought of a vote of the town consenting to the petitioners being heard, and their petition Granted under certain restrictions gave but six months for persons to determine to which of the Societies they would belong, after that period closed there could none regularly pass from One to the other Society Short of petitioning to the Honable Court to be removed by a Special Act, believing that petitions from individuals will be forwarded to the Honorable Court to be removed

in this way, from one to the other Society; and that too in repeated instances, Men being chanable Cretures; believing it perfectly consistant with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, and pecularly congenial with republican Government; believing it will tend to promote practical virtue religion and morality, and remove Occasion for discontent. It is therefore the prayer of your petitioners that the Honorable Court will grant to the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg liberty to pafs over from either of the religious Societies to the other Annually, the person so doing making known in writing to the Clerk of the Society to which they before belonged there intention to leive the Society; and to the Clerk of the Society to which they wish to belong there desire to be inroled as belonging to said Society, And as in duty bound Shall pray.

Fitchburg May 13th 1807 Ebn^r Thurston } Committee
Benj^a Herrick }

Voted to chuse an Agent or Agents to forward the petition to the General Court.

Voted that Deacon Samuel Gibson be an agent for the above purpose

Voted to send another agent to afsist Deacon Samuel Gibson for the above purpose.

Voted and chose Deacon John Thurston Ju^r for the Afsistant Agent.

Voted to defolve this meeting

John Thurston Ju^r Moderator
Peter Snow Clerk pro. tempore
Joseph Fox Town Clerk.

[239] Agreeable to a vote of the town the subscribers have attended to the besinefs of dividing the school money which is as follows Viz.

Destriect N ^o 1.	John. R. Kemp	\$130..32
2.	Amos Parce	47..22
3.	Afaph Boutell	47..22
4.	Ephraim Osborn	51..94
5.	David Bawldin	36..54

6. Thomas Cowdin	41..11
7. Jonathan Boynton	42..90
8. Steph Dole	42..66
9. Benj ^a Shelden	52..88
10. Pell ^s Perkins	67..05
11. Abial Holt	40..16
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	\$600..00

Fitchburg Nov^r 23rd 1807.

Peter Snow	{	Selectmen
John Thurston Jun ^r		
Tho ^s Cowdin		
Joseph Simonds		

Worcester Is To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
 (Seal) the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town
 (Seal) qualified by law to Vote in town meetings, to meet,
 (Seal) and assemble at the meeting house on Monday the
 seventh day of March next, at nine of the clock in
 the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz.

1 To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2 To chuse a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other town officers as the law directs, and act any thing in regard to chusing Collectors the town may think proper

3 To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair their Highways & bridges the year ensuing.

4 T see what sum of money the town will raise to defray the necessary expences of the town.

5 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools the year ensuing, and any thing in regard to laying out the money they may think proper.

6 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon

7 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to settle with the town Treasurer

8 To see if the town will allow the swine to run at large under the regulations of the law, the present year

[240] 9 To see if the town will give a bounty for killing Crows the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.

10 To see if the town will give up to Mr Ephraim Kimball the obligation the town holds against him for money to build the bridge near Mr Farwells shop, provided he will give a bridle road through his land where it was laid out by the Selectmen last year, or act any thing thereon respecting said bridge, and bridle road.

11 To see if the town will chuse overfeer of the poor separte from the selectmen.

12 To see if the Town will build a house in some convenient place to secure the Hearse from the weather, or act any thing thereon

13 To see if the Town will build a Powder house or act any thing thereon

14 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to confer with a Committee from the Town of Lunenburg respecting Paupers, Public lands, and Taxation, or any other disputes between the town of Lunenburg & Fitchburg, with full power, and authority to Settle the same, or act any thing thereon.

15 To see if the town will chuse Saxons to take care of the burying yards or act any thing thereon

16 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to examine the schools, or act any thing thereon

Given under our hands & Seals this fifteenth day of February AD 1808

Peter Snow	} Selectmen
John Thurston	
John Willard	
Tho ^s Cowdin	
Joseph Simonds	

Worcester fs Fitchburg February 22. 1808 Purfuant to the within warrant I have notified as within directed

Porter Kimball Constable

[241] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday the Seventh day of March AD 1808

Voted & chose Mr W^m Cunningham moderator

Voted & chose Oliver Fox ^{Sworn} Town Clerk

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds ^{Sworn} . Town Treasurer

Voted to chuse five Selectmen for the present year

Voted & chose Deacon John Thurston, ^{Sworn} John Wil-
lard ^{Sworn} Simeon Farwell, ^{Sworn} Elijah McIntire ^{Sworn} &
John Farwell ^{Sworn} Selectmen for the present year

. Selectmen
Voted that the three first Selectmen be the afsefsors
for the present year

Voted that the Selectmen be the overfeers of the poor
the present year

Voted & Chose John Farwell ^{Sworn} Phillip F. Cowdin,
^{Sworn} James Cowdin ^{Sworn} Ephraim Kendall, ^{Sworn} Jonathan
Boynton ^{Sworn} Amos Lawrence ^{Sworn} Josiah Brown, ^{Sworn}
Pelamedus Perkins, ^{Sworn} Israel Turner Esq^r ^{Sworn} Elna-
than Polley, ^{Sworn} Miah Shattuck, ^{Sworn} Nathan Ordway
^{Sworn} Jeremiah Kinsman, Abraham M. Farwell Abijah
Hartwell, Thomas Carter, ^{Sworn} Asaph Boutell ^{Sworn} Sur-
veyors of Highways Highway Surveyors

Voted that the Highway surveyors allow for men per
hour Cart, plow, &c per day, the same as last year, &
the price of Oxen to be left to the discrefsion of the High-
way Surveyors.

Voted & chose Benj^a Kemp ^{Sworn} Samuel Putnam Na-
than ordway Joseph Gibson, Abijah Hartwell & William
Downe Hogreaves Hogreaves

Voted & chose John R Kemp ^{Sworn} & Joseph Downe
Jr Cullers of hoops & Staves

Voted & chose Tim^o Garfield ^{Sworn} & Joseph Simonds
^{Sworn} Sealers of Leather

Voted & Chose Tho^s Hilton & Jacob Gibson
. Firewards

Voted & Chose Ephraim Kendall, ^{Sworn} & Aaron Ea-
ton ^{Sworn} Field Drivers

Voted & Chose Cap^t Joseph Farwell ^{Sworn}
. Pound keeper

Voted & Chose Thomas Thurston & Benj^a Herrick
. Tythingmen

Voted & Chose Jacob Stickney ^{Sworn} & Daniel Harris
. Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & Chose Joshua Phillips ^{Sworn} Jonas Marshall
Jr ^{Sworn} & Moses Hale Fence Viewers

Voted & Chose Joseph Fox Esq^r Cap^t James Cowdin
Jon^a Lowe, Abraham M. Farwell, Joseph Downe Jur Verin
Daniels, Joshua Stickney, Josiah Brown — Benj^a Herrick,
Elias Mefsender and Amos Lawrence Jr school Committee-
men School Committee

[242] Voted to Chose a Committee to examine the
schools the present year

Voted that the committee consist of Eleven.

Voted & chose the Rev'd Titus T. Barton the Revd
Mr Bascom W^m Cunningham, Joseph Fox, Joseph Richard-
son Doct Snow Deacon John Thurston. John Muzzy Rob-
ert Allen, David Boutell & Abraham Willard

Voted that the Committee be requested to attend the
schools when they begin & at the time of closing the
schools and it shall be the duty of the school Committee-
men of each destrict to inform the examining committee
when the schools shall begin

Voted that the school Committeemen shall the last
week in August make out an exact return of the number
of scholars in his destrict & present the same to the select-
men by the first monday of Sep^t that an accurate appro-
portionment of the money may be made, that the town
clerk be directed to furnish the school Committee with
this vote

Voted that a committee be chosen to let out the col-
lectorship for the present year & the person who bids off
the Collectorship bring bondsmen to the exceptence of the
town.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee for the above
purpose

Voted that the collectorship be let out at five oclock
this afternoon at the house of Timothy Garfield agreeable
to the above vote.

\$700 Voted to raise Seven hundred Dollars to repair
the highways & bridges the present year

Voted to pafs over the fourth article in Warrant un-
till the adjournment

\$600 Voted to raise Six hundred Dollars for the sup-
port of schools the present year

\$40 Voted that forty Dollars be added to be raised for the support of schools the present year, & that the Selectmen be directed to distribute the forty Dollars amongst those school districts that the Selectmen shall think most needs it.

Voted that the Six hundred Dollars voted to support the schools the present year be distributed by the Selectmen amongst the school districts according to the number of Schollars

Voted to Chuse a Committee to settle with the town Treasurer

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Doct Snow Joseph Fox Esq^r & John Thurston

Voted to pass over the 8th article in the warrant untill the adjournment.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorised to pay to any person or persons belonging to this town, who shall take and [243] and kill any Crows within the limits of this town between this date & next March meeting, Twenty cents for each Crow.

Voted that a Committee of conference be chosen to confer with Mr Ephraim Kimball respecting the 10th article in the warrant and the committee to report to the Town at the adjournment

Voted that the committee consist of five.

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, Doct Jonas Marshall Cap^t Edwrd Durant, Deacon John Thurston & Doct Peter Snow

Voted to build a house to secure the Hears

Voted to chuse a Committee for the above purpose

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose John Willard Cap^t Edward Durant & Jo^s Fox Esq^r

Voted to chuse a Committee to confer with a Committee from the town of Lunenburg (if the town of Lunenburg should chuse such a Committee,) respecting Paupers, Public lands & Taxation or any other disputes between the Towns of Lunenburg & Fitchburg with full power and authority to settle the same.

Voted that the committee consist of Three

Voted & chose Asa Perry, Doct^r Peter Snow & Paul Wetherbee for the above purpose

Voted that the town build a powder house

Voted to chuse a Committee to see that the house is built

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall J, David Boutell, & Oliver Fox a committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to appoint Saxons for the burying yards.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of April next at two oclock in the after noon then to meet at this place.

On Monday the 4th day of April being the first Monday in said month. The town met according to adjournment, and the meeting opened & proceeded to business (Viz)

Voted to accept the report of the committee to settle with the town treasurer which is as follows

Fitchburg March 14 1804

The Subscribers a Committee chosen by the Town to settle with the town Treasurer, have attended to the business and make the following report. (Viz)

We find in the treasurers hands a note against

M^r Ephraim Kimball Dated 30 Jan^y 1800 on

Interest \$100..00
one years Interest due on y^e 30 January 1808 . . .

[244] Also two notes against Extra Dana Dated

30 Nov^r 1798 on Interest both notes amount-

ing to \$22..50

Also one note against Maj^r John Goodridge

Dated 24 December 1802 on Interest . . . 5..18

We also find in Porter Kimballs hands Collector

for the year 1806 446..87

We also find in Porter Kimballs hands Collector

for the year 1807 1068..73

We also find in the hand of the Treasurer which

is paid over to his Succesor 23..51

We find due to the Pew holders in the old meet-

ing house 67..83

We have settled with the Treasurer and allowed him twelve Dollars for his services as Treasurer in full to this day

Joseph Fox	} Committee
Peter Snow	
John Thurston	
Paul Wetherbee — Town Treasurer	

Voted to raise four hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expence of town present year

Voted to pass over the 8th article in the warrant

Voted not to except the report of the committee chosen to confer with Dⁿ Ephraim Kimball respecting the 10th article in the warrant which is as follows

The committee chosen by the town to confer with Deacon Ephraim Kimball respecting the 10th article in the warrant beg lave to report (viz)

That your committee recommend to the Town to relinquish to Dⁿ Ephraim Kimball the obligation the town holds against him, provided he will give an obligation to the Town, to let the people pass and repass through his land where the road was lately laid out by the Selectmen, att all times, and six months in the year without any Gates or bars, and likewise bind himself & heirs to deliver into the hands of the town the Bridge whenever they see fit to receive it, free from any expence to the town

Fitchburg April 1. 1808 Joseph Fox pr order

The subscribers being appointed by the Town to provide for the poor have put them out as follows (Viz)

Put out Samuel French to Israel Turner Esqr he to give to the Town for his labour forty cents per week

Also Ephraim Smith put out to Levi Farwell he to receive for his board Sixty cents per week

Also Rebeckah Smith was fet up at Vendue to be bid off by the lowest bidder, he to take her at his own risque, if she runs away he is to look her up, and keep her till March 1809 and bid off to Amos Pierce at fifty seven cents per week

John Thurston	} Over seers of the poor of the town of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Simeon Farwell	
Elijah Mcintire	
March 7. 1808 John Farwell	

[245] Fitchburg March 7. 1808

The committee chosen by the town this day to let out the Collectorship, met at time & place voted by the town and proceeded to let out the Collectorship upon South side of the town the person who shall bid it off to bring two bondsmen to the acceptance of the Town.

Set up upon the hundred Dollars & bid of to Abijah Goodridge @ \$2.80

then proceeded to let out the north side of the town & bid off to Abijah Goodridge . . . at . . . \$1.39

John Thurston	} Committee
John Willard	
Simeon Farwell	
Elijah McIntire	
John Farwell	}

Voted to except the report of the Committee chosen by the town to let out the Collectorship

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge ^{Sworn} collector for the town the present year Collector

Voted & chose Asa Perry & Amos Pierce bondsmen

Voted to choose two Constables the present year

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge ^{Sworn} constable

. constable

Voted & chose Oliver Fox ^{Sworn} constable . Constable

Voted to Dissolve this meeting & it is accordingly Dissolved

Wm Cunningham Moderator

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Fitchburg April 4. 1808

At a Public vendue of one of the porpers Mary Wares by name of said town, was struck off to Levi Farwell at twenty six cents per week all Necessary charges excluded (Viz) Sicknefs & cloathing Simeon Farwell per order

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and
 (Seal) warn the male inhabitants of the town of Fitch-
 (Seal) burg of twenty one years of age and upwards
 (Seal) having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth
 (Seal) of the annual income of three pounds, or any

estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the meeting house on Monday the fourth day of April next at four of the clock [246] clock P. M. to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this seventeenth day of March AD 1808

John Thurston	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard		
Simeon Farwell		
Elijah McIntire		
John Farwell		

Worcester fs

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified each of the freeholders & other inhabitants as are qualified to vote for Governor, Lieu^t Governor, Senators, & Counsellors, to meet at time and place as within directed

Ephraim Kimball J Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor, Lieu^t Governor, holden on the fourth day of April being the first monday of said Month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & Eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieu^t Governor of said Commonwealth — Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted, counted & recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed, (Viz)

For Governor	}	His Excelancy James Sullivan Esq ^r . . .	105
		The Honor Christopher Gove Esq ^r . . .	94
		Hon Levi Lincoln	3
For Lieu ^t Governor	}	His Honor Levi Lincoln Esq ^r . . .	95
		Hon David Cobb Esq ^r	90
		Hon Christopher Gove Esq ^r . . .	1

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Simeon Farwell		
Elijah McIntire		
John Farwell		

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[247] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the District of the County of Worcester.

Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted, Counted, and recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — to wit

For The Hon. Salem Town Esq ^r	88
Hon Elijah Brigham Esq ^r	88
Hon Thos Hale Esq ^r	88
Jonas Kendall Esq ^r	88
For Pliny Merrick Esq ^r	95
Edward Bangs Esq ^r	95
Sam ^l Jones Esq ^r	95
Moses White Esq ^r	95
John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Simeon Farwell	
Elijah M ^c intire	
John Farwell	}
Oliver Fox Town Clerk	

Worcester fs To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 (Seal) Town qualified by Law to Vote in town Meetings
 (Seal) to meet and assemble at the meeting house on
 Monday the 9th day of May next at two oclock
 P. M to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To chose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2 To hear the report of a Committee chosen to confer with the Rev^d M^r Bascom & Cap^t W^m Brown respecting a road that was lately laid out through said Browns land and act any thing thereon the town may think proper

3 To see if the town will fix upon a time when the road that was lately laid out through Cap^t Browns land and others from the meeting house to the road that leads by Samuel Phelps, shall be opned or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

[248] 4th To see if the town will accept of any roads that is laid out by the Selectmen or their order, or discontinue any roads that may become neccessary in consequence of new ones being laid out and excepted, or act any thing there on the town may think proper.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twenty second day of April AD 1808

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Simeon Farwell		
Elijah McIntire		

Worcester fs. Fitchburg May 9th 1808

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within directed

Oliver Fox, Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asembled on Monday 9th day of May 1808

Voted & chose Joseph Fox — — Moderator

Voted not to accept the report of the committee chosen by the town to converse with the Rev^d M^r Bascom & Cap^t W^m Brown which is as follows (viz) Your committee chose by the town for the purpose of conversing with The Rev^d M^r Bascom & Cap^t W^m Brown for the best terms they would dispose of Land for a Road leading from Samuel Phelps to the Meeting-house, have attended the businefs and report that the land on the line between Cap^t William Brown & the Rev^d W^m Bascom for the road agreeable to the terms, will cost seventy seven Dollars & fifty cents.

David Boutell	}	Committee
Israel Turner		
Edward Durant		

Fitchburg May 9th 1808.

Motioned & seconded to see if the town will open the road lately laid out by the Selectmen leading from Sam^l Phelps to the Meeting house on the 20 Sep^r next being put pass in the negative.

Voted to have the above road opened on the last of Oct^r next.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, respecting a road a road they laid out on the following Conditions (viz) That the inhabitants [249] that live on the road give the land and make the road passable which report is as follows viz

The following is a description of a two rod road laid out by the subscribers (viz) Beginning at the north side of the road that leads by Samuel Phelps & Jacob Jaquith to a heap of stones opofite the road that was lately laid out from the meeting house to said Phelps and runs north 7^d east partly on land of said Phelps & partly on land of said Jaquiths forty one rods to a heap of stones on the road that leads from said Phelps to Samuel Caswells, thence following said road till it comes to Jeremiah Kinsman Jun^r thence leaving said road at a large stone in the fence on the east side of said road opposite said Kinsmans barn and runs east 16^d north forty three rods on said Kinsmans land to a large rock with a heap of stones on the top of it, just on the edge of Daniel Holts land East 19^d north to a heap of stones near said Holts house, thence north 28^d east Eighteen rods to a heap of stones, thence north 17^d east Eighteen & ½ rods to a heap of stones at the foot of the ledge, thence north 24^d East thirty one rods & ½, to a heap of stones on the line between said Holts land and Amos Laurences land thence on said Laurences land North 11^d east thirty six rods to a heap of stones on the west side of the road that leads by said Laurences house. All the above mentioned bounds are on the Eastwardly side of said road. it is expected the above described road will be all given free from any expence to the town except a little corner of Jacob Jaquiths land for which we have estimated five Dollars damage

Fitchburg May 7: 1808.

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Elijah McIntire	

Voted to Difsolve this meeting & it was accordingly
 Difsolved Joseph Fox Moderator
 Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To Either of the Constable of the town
 of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the male inhabitants of said town being
 (Seal) twenty one years of age and resident in said town
 (Seal) for the space of one year next preceeding having
 (Seal) a freehold estate within said town of the annual
 income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty
 pounds to meet at the meeting house on monday ninth
 day of May next at three oclock P M for the purpose of
 chusing a Representative to represent them at the General
 Court appointed to be convend & held at Boston on the
 last Wednesday of May.

Given under our hands & seals at said Fitchburg
 [250] the twenty second day of April AD 1808.

John Thurston }
 John Willard } Selectmen
 Simeon Farwell }
 Elijah Mcintire }

Worcester fs

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified &
 warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as
 therein exprefsd to meet at the time & place & for the
 purpose within mentioned Fitchburg May 9. 1808.

Oliver Fox Const!

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of
 Fitchburg afsembled on Monday 9th May 1808

The meeting was opened by reading the warrant and
 the Selectmen presided.

A motion was made and seconded to see if the town
 will chuse a Representative & it pafsd in the Negative

John Thurston }
 John Willard } Selectmen
 John Farwell }
 Oliver Fox town Clerk

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town
of Fitchburg in said county Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn
(Seal) the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town
(Seal) qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet
and assemble at the meeting house on monday the
twelfth day of September next at three o'clock P. M. and
when met to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To see if the town will discontinue any part of the
road that leads from the corner of Mrs Jane Garfields
orchard over pearl hill to Ashby line where it is not now
troden and except of said road where it [251] it is now
troden or act any thing thereon the town may think
proper, agreeable to a request of a number of the Inhabi-
tants of said town

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this
twenty ninth day of August AD 1808.

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Elijah Mcintire		
John Farwell		

Worcester fs

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified &
warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town
qualified as therein exprefs'd to meet at the time & place
& for the purpose within mentioned

Fitchburg Sep^r 12: 1808 Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of
Fitchburg assembled on Monday 12th Sep^r 1808

Voted & Chose Paul Wetherbee — Moderator

Voted to Defsolve this meeting & it is accordingly
Dfsolved

Paul Wetherbee Moderator
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

1808 Sep^r 12: Set up Rebecah Smith at Public Ven-
due at the Meeting house, upon the same condition that
she was bid off to Amos Pierce last March & she was

bid off to Israel Turner Esqr at one Dollar & Eight Cents per Week

John Thurston	} Selectmen
Elijah McIntier	
John Farwell	

[252] Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County . . . Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 (Seal) Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting,
 to meet and assemble at the Meetinghouse on
 Monday the Seventh day of Nov^r next at one o'clock P.
 M. to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To Chose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2nd To see if the Town will accept of the report of the Committee from the Town of Lunenburg, respecting the support of Lydia Hawood, public lands, taxation. &c &c.

3 To see if the Town will accept of the list of Jurymen as made out by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

4 To see if the Town will raise any sum of Money to be laid out in Books and put into the hands of the Committee chosen to examine the Schools, to be by them given to those schollars who shall make the greatest proficiency in Schollarship, in the several destriets or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper, agreeable to a request of said Committee

5 To see if the town will accept of the road from the County road between the W^d Jane Garfields & Joseph Upons to Ashby line as lately laid out by the Selectmen and also discontinue any part of the former laying out that shall become necessary in consequence of the new one being established or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this twentieth day of October AD 1808

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Elijah McIntier	
John Farwell	

Worcester fs Fitchburg Nov. 7. 1808

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresd to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

[253] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday 7th day of November AD 1808

Voted & chose William Cunningham — Moderator

Voted to pass over the second article in the Warrant

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, respecting Jurymen as made out by them in Oct^r last

Voted to pass over the fourth Article in the Warrant.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen a two rod road laid out by them between the Widow Jane Garfields & Joseph Uptons, to Ashby line, agreeable to a plan laid before the town which is as follows (Viz)

*Beginning at the County road leading from Fitchburg to Lunenburg by the Widow Jane Garfields, at a Stake & Stones, on the West side of said road, a Corner of Joseph Uptons land & runs north $13\frac{1}{2}^d$ East 23 Rods by said Uptons land, then North 35^d east 32 rods by s'd Uptons land, then north $4\frac{1}{2}^d$ East 58 rods by s'd Uptons land, and land of Amos Wheelers, then North 6^d west $40\frac{1}{2}$ rods by sd Wheelers land, to land of Daniel Putnam Esq^r. bought of said Wheeler, then one degree west 23 rods by said Putnams land, then North 7^d East 26 rods by said Putnams land, then North 5^d East, 8 rods to a large stone in the fence, then North 27^d East 8 rods to an elm tree on the north side of the Brook, then north 2^d west 10 rods, then North 5^d West 14 rods, then north 17^d west 43 rods still by said Putnams land, then Due north 27 rods, partly on s'd Putnams & partly on Calyin Mefsen-gers land, then North 5^d West 13 rods by s'd Mefsingers land, then North 24^d West 38 rods by said Mefsen-gers land, then North $28\frac{1}{2}^d$ West 30 rods to said Mefsen-gers

*Now known as Pearl Hill Road.

Corner. Then North 10^d West 8 rods Leu^t Sam^l Phelps land, then North 7^d East 44 Rods by J. Kinsman and Perkins land, to a Stake & stones near Pel^t Perkins Shop. Then North 26½^d East 21 rods by said Kinsmans land, to Lieut Eliphalet Perleys Corner. Then north 16^d East 54 rods by land of Israel Wetherbee, then north 17^d east 26 rods to Perleys lane so call'd, then north 17½^d east 22 rods to the corner of said Wetherbees land, then north 28½^d east 14 rods land of Jacob Gibsons, then north 7^d east 4 rods by said Gibsons land, then North 4^d east 14 rods by said Gibsons land, then north 3^d West 34 rods by said Gibsons land, then North 9^d east 8 rods by said Gibsons land, then North 33^d East 14 rods by s^d Gibsons land, then North 21^d East 22 rods by s^d Gibsons land, then North 8^d east 26 rods by said Gibsons land, then North 30^d east 15 rods by said Gibsons land, Then north 18^d east 14 rods by s^d Gibsons land, Then North 32^d east 18 rods by sd Gibsons land, then north 27^d east 19 rods supposed to be by Daniel Holts land, then North 19^d east 26 rods by said Holts land, then North 30½^d East 9 rods by said Holts land, then north ½^d east 10 rods by sd Holts land, then North 12½^d east 15 rods on Amos Laurences land, then north 17^d west 16 rods on s^d Laurences land, then North 21½ West 33 rods on sd Laurences land, then north 7^d west 29 rods on said Laurences land to a stake and stones opposite s^d Laurences house, then north 19^d west 35 rods on said Laurences land, then north 40^d West 17 rods on said Laurences land, then north 55^d West 35 rods to a stake and Stones near a large rock Daniel Andrews Corner, then north 41½^d West 6 rods on land of Wetherbee & Taylor, then north 23½^d West 18 rods on sd Wetherbee & Taylor, then north 44^d West 19 rods, then west 18^d south 8 rods, Ditto, then north 50^d West 12 rods to a maple tree, then north 24½^d west 34 rods on Amos Laurences land, then North 3^d east 18 rods, on s^d Laurence, then north 44^d West 20 rods on s^d Laurence & land of Paul Gates, then north 53½^d west 6 rods on s^d Gates land, then north 30^d west 29 rods by s^d Gates land, then north 26½ west 21 rods to Ashby line

This plan laid down 40 rods to the inch on a scale.

Surveyed by Abraham Willard

[254] Agreeable to a request of a number of the inhabitants of said town the Subscribers have laid out a two rod road anew from the County road between the Widow Jane Garfields and Joseph Uptons to Ashby line and have taken the points and made bounds on the westwardly side of said road agreeable to a plan that will be herewith exhibited to the town. It is expected that the land will be all given except a little corner of Jacobs Gibsons land, which according to his own estimation is about fourteen square rods for which we have estimated the damage to Mr Gibson at Six Dollars all of which is Submitted to the town

Fitchburg Oct^r 1808

John Thurston	{	Selectmen
John Willard		
Elijah McIntire		
John Farwell		

To the Gentlemen selectmen of Fitchburg—

This certfys that if the town road from the County road near Mrs Garfields to Ashby line, be laid out a new, and accepted by the town, I will give the land where it is now trod and fenced, where it runs on my land for a road

Sep^t 15: 1808 — signd by — Daniel Putnam

Took up the second article in the warrant

Voted to accept the report of the committee respecting the support of Lydia Heywood taxation &c &c. which is as follows (viz)

We the subscribers being the Committee chosen by the towns which we respectively belong, to confer with & agree upon a Settlement of the subject within written do report that we are of opinion that it will be for the Interest of each town to ratify the within written agreement, and report without any alteration, and we do recommend that each town, do accordingly ratify the same by causing the same to be recorded at length in the town records Your Committee further report that being unable to find any agreement respecting taxing lands in

Lunenburg which lye in Fitchburg, & land in Fitchburg which lye in Lunenburg, and being sensible that the practice is attended with inconvenience, do report that in future, each town proceed to tax the lands lying in their respective towns and no other

sign	Josiah Stearns	}	Committee of
	Cha ^s . Cushing		
	Z. B. Adams	}	Lunenburg Committee
	Asa Perry		
	Peter Snow	}	of Fitchburg
	Paul Wetherbee		

Lunenburg May 23: 1808.

Proposals mutually made & agreed to by the Committees from Lunenburg & Fitchburg in order for an Accomodation of all matters of Dispute between the two towns, & to be laid before their respective towns for their Acceptance, (Viz)

1st That Lunenburg shall release to Fitchburg all demands for the support of Widow Abigail Heywood & her Daughter Lydia Heywood forever

[255] 2nd That Fitchburg shall be at the Charge of the Support of all others who may need support, & who had their last legal Habitaney within the Limits of that Territory which was incorporated by the name of Fitchburg, before Said Incorporation.

3^d That Fitchburg shall release to Lunenburg all claims or pretentions of Claims of any right to the Public lands commonly called Ministerial & School Lands

Done at Lunenburg January 4th 1790

per order	John Tullar
	Asa Perry

Voted to Difsolve this meeting & it is accordingly dissolved

William Cunningham Moderator
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Division of the school money for the year 1808.

Destriect No 1	Joseph Fox Esq ^r	\$152:83
2	James Cowdin	48:34
3	Jonathan Low	50:
4	Abra ^m M. Farwell	50:94

5	Joseph Downe	39:19
6	Verin Daniels	41:85
7	Joshua Stickney	40:98
8	Josiah Brown	47:44
9	Benj ^a Herrick	64:15
10	Elias Melsinger	65:09
11.	Amos Laurence Ju	39:19

\$640:00

Fitchburg Oct^r 24: 1808

John Thurston }
 John Willard } Selectmen
 John Farwell }

[256] Worcester fs To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County . . . Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the inhabitants of said Town duly qualified
 (Seal) to vote for Representatives in the General Court
 of said Commonwealth, (Viz) The Male inhabitants of s'd Town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding, having a freehold estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to assemble at the Meetinghouse in said town, on Monday the seventh day of November next, being the first Monday in said month at three o'clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester north District.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this twentieth day of October AD. 1808.

John Thurston }
 John Willard } Selectmen
 Elijah M^r intire }
 John Farwell }

Worcester fs — Nov^r 14: 1808

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualifi as thirin expresd to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday the Seventh day of November AD 1808 it being the first monday in said month for the purpose of Chusing a Representative for the Worcester North District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Represent us in the Congress of the United States. Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted, Counted & record, and Declaration thereof made, as by Law is directed — to Wit —

For Hon William Sedman Sixty six

Moses White Esq^r — Twenty four —

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Willard		
Elijah Mcintire		
John Farwell		
Oliver Fox Town Clerk		

[257] Worcester fs. To Abijah Goodridge one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in said county . . .

Greeting

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
 (Seal) warn the freeholders & other inhabitants on the
 south side of said town qualified by Law to vote
 in Town meeting, fourthwith by verbal notice, to meet at
 the meeting house in said town on Wednesday the seventh day of December instant at nine o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To chose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2nd To see what encouragement the town will give the men that are now call^d for in case they will turn out voentarily, or act any thing there on the town may think proper Agreeable to a request of a number of inhabitants of s'd Town

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this 5th day of Dec^r AD 1808

John Thurston	}	Selectmen
John Farwell		
Elijah Mcintire		

Dec^r 7: 1808 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants

of said South side of the Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Abijah Goodridge Constable

Worcester fs — To Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg within said County Greeting . .

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the
(Seal) north side of the town qualified by Law to Vote in town meeting, forth with by verbal notice to assemble at the meeting house on Wednesday the seventh day of this instant December at nine o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To chouse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To See what encouragement the town will give the men that are now call^d for, in case they will turn out volentarily or act any thing there on as the town may think proper. Agreeable to a request of a number of inhabitants of said town.

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this fifth day of December AD 1808

John Thurston }
John Farwell } Selectmen
Elijah McIntier }

Worcester fs December 7: 1808

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants living on the north side of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned, by verbal notice & leaving word at their last & usual place of abode

Oliver Fox Constable

[258] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Wednesday the 7th December AD 1808

Voted & chose William Cunningham — Moderator

Voted that the town offer as an encouragement to the Soldiers who shall be spirited to turn out volentarily as

minute men, to stand in readinefs if call^d for, two Dollars each at first, and should they be called into actual service, a sum sufficient to make up the pay rec'd from Government equal to ten Dollars per month from the time of marching the Noncommifsioned officers & Music, they have the same addition to their pay as the men

Voted to difsolve this meeting & it was accordingly
Difolved William Cunningham, Moderator
Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town
of Fitchburg Greeting:

(Seal) You are hereby required in the name of the
(Seal) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(Seal) warn the Freeholders & other inhabitants of said
(Seal) town qualified by law to vote in town meetings
to meet and afsemble at the meeting house on
monday the sixth day of March next at nine of the clock
in the forenoon to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To Choose a Town Clerk, town Treasurer, Selectmen, and all other town officers as the Law directs and act any thing in regard to choosing Collectors as the town may think proper.

3 To see what sum or sums of Money the town will raise to repair their highways & bridges the year insuing.

4 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise for the support of schools the year insuing & act any thing in regard to laying out said money, they may think proper.

5 To see what sum of Money the town will raise to defray the necfsary expences of the town

6 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year insuing, or act any thing thereon

7 To see if the town will choose a Committee to fettle with the town Treasurer.

8 To see if the town will allow the swine to run at large the present year under the regulation of the law

9 To see if the town will give a bounty for killing crows the year insuing or act any thing thereon

[259] 10 To see if the town will Choose a Saxon to take care of their Burying ground or act any thing thereon.

11 To see if the town will choose a Committee to examine their Schools or act any thing thereon.

12 To see if the town will straighten the road from the south west corner of Nathaniel Boughtells land to the meeting house or act any thing thereon.

13 To see if the town will take Putnam Perley from the town of Boxford and pay up the expences that has arisen in consequence of his Support and Support him in futuré without a lawsuit, or act any thing thereon the Town may think proper

Given under our hands and seals at Fitchburg this sixteenth day of February AD 1809

John Thurston	} Selectmen
John Willard	
Elijah Mcintier	
John Farwell	

Fitchburg March 6th 1809.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as the law directs to vote in town meeting, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within named.

Abijah Goodridge Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg afsembled on Monday 6th March. 1809.

Voted & Chose Joseph Fox Moderator

Voted & Chose Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Voted & Chose Joseph Symonds Town Treasurer

Voted to Choose five Selectmen the present year

Voted & Chose John Thurston, ^{sworn} John Willard, ^{sworn} Joseph Downe Ju^r, ^{sworn} Elijah Mcintier ^{sworn} & John Farwell ^{sworn}

Voted that the three first selectmen be afsefsors the present year ^{Sworn}

Voted that the Selectmen be overfeers of the poor the present year

Voted & chose Aaron Eaton, ^{sworn} Jabez Sawyer, James Cowdin ^{sworn} Moses Hale, ^{sworn} Joseph Carter, ^{sworn} Daniel Andrews, ^{sworn} Stephen Dole, ^{sworn} Samuel Phelps, ^{sworn} Levi Farwell, ^{sworn} Elijah McIntier ^{sworn} J. Benjamin Shelden, Thomas Leach ^{sworn} Jonathan Thurston ^{sworn} Abraham M. Farwell, ^{sworn} John Badcock, ^{sworn} Jacob Stickney & Asa Farwell highway Surveyors

Voted that the high way surveyors allow for men per hour, Cart plow &c per day the same as last year & the price of oxen to be left to the discretion [260] of the Surveyor

Voted & Chose Abijah Goodridge, Ephraim Kendall, David Baldwin, Abijah Hartwell, John Carter Jr^r Amos Putnam J Jon^a Haskell, Nehemiah Giles & Josiah Brown Hogreves

Voted that John R. Kemp & Joseph Downe Jr bee Culler of hoops & Staves

Voted that Timo. Garfield & Calvin Mefsender be Sealers of Leather

Voted & chose Thomas Hilton & Ephraim Kendall Fire wards

Voted & chose Person Brown & Joseph Farwell Field Drivers

Voted that Thomas Eaton Jr be Pound keeper

Voted & chose Timo. Garfield & John R. Kemp Tythingmen

Voted & Chose John Willard & Aaron Eaton Surveyors of Lumber

Voted & Chose Ephraim Davis, Benj. Fullar & David Boutell Fence viewers

Voted to adjourn for half an hour & then meet at this place

The town met according to adjournment.

Voted that the Collectorship be let out to the lowest bidder at Paul Wetherbee 2^d at half past four o'clock P. M. by the hundred Dollars

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee for the above purpose and they make report at the adjournment of this meeting

\$700 Voted to raise seven hundred Dollars to repair the highways & Bridges the present year

\$640 Voted to raise six hundred & forty Dollars for the support of Schools the present year

Voted that the School money be laid out the same as last year.

Voted not to restrict the Destriets.

Voted that there be a committee man for each Destriet and be under the direction of the destriet respecting laying out the money

Voted & chose David Boutell, Asa Woods, Zach. Farwell Joseph Downe, Benjamin Fullar, Phillip F. Cowdin Elijah Carter, Amos Putnam J John Pratt Nathan Ordway & Jeremiah Kinsman Ju^r . . . School Committee

Voted to pafs over the eleventh article in the warrant

Voted to pafs over the fifth article in the warrant untill the adjournment

Voted that the selectmen be a Committee to let out the poor at the time and place that the Collectorship is to be let out & make report at the next meeting.

Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer.

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Joseph Fox, Levi Farwell & Paul Wetherbee for the above purpose & make report at the adjournment

Voted to pafs over the 8th Article in the warrant

Voted to pafs over the 9th Article in the warrant

[261] Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to provide saxons the present year

Voted to chuse a committee to enquire respecting the 12th article in the warrant, how they can have the land & whether Mr Barton will let his land lay common that now does lay common

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Jonas Marshall Ju John Thurston & Doc^t Snow & the committee make report at the adjournment

Voted that the overfeers of the Poor be a Committee to look into the matter respecting Putnam Perley & set-

tle with the town of Boxford if the town is obliged to take him to support

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill the first monday of April Next at one oclock P. M.

& it is accordingly adjourned

The town met according to adjournment & meeting opned

Voted to procede to finish the businefs of the March meeting

Voted to reconsider the last vote

Voted to adjourn this meeting without day

Joseph Fox Moderator

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
(L S) Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and
(L S) warn the male inhabitants of the said town of
(L S) Fitchburg of twenty one years of age and up-
(L S) wards having a freehold estate within the Com-
monwealth of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the meeting house on Monday the third day of April next at three o'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieu^t Governor, Senators and Counsellors, Agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Given under our hand and Seals at said Fitchburg this Sixteenth day of March AD 1809

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Joseph Downe J	
Elijah McIntire	
John Farwell	

[262] Worcester fs — April 3. 1809

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants qualified by the Constitution to vote for Gov^t Lieu^t Senators & Counfellors to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mention

Oliver Fox Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieu^t Governor holden on the third day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and nine, for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for Governor, Lieu^t Governor of said Commonwealth. Votes for the following persons were given in, Sorted Counted and declaration thereof made as by as by the Constitution is directed (viz)

For Governor	{	Hon Christopher Gore	113
		Hon Levi Lincoln	132
		David Cobb	1
		Joseph B Varnum	1
		Jonas Marshall Ju	1
For Lieu ^t Governor	{	Hon David Cobb	107
		Hon Joseph B Varnum	136
		Hon Levi Lincoln	1
		Calvin Mefenger	1
		Remark Dunnell	2
Attest	{	John Thurston	Selectmen of Fitchburg
		John Willard	
		Elijah M ^r intier	
		John Farwell	
Attest		Oliver Fox Town Clerk	

[263] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counfellors, holden the third day of April being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Nine, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators & Counfellors for the district of the County of Worcester Votes for the following persons were given in sorted counted, recorded and Declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed to wit

For	{	Hon Elijah Brigham	109	For	{	Pliny Merrick .	127
		Thos Hale . .	109			Edward Bangs	127
		Salem Town .	109			Sam ^l Jones . .	127
		Jonas Kendall .	109			Moses White .	127

Attest	John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
	Elijah McIntier	
	John Willard	
	John Farwell	
Attest	Oliver Fox	Town Clerk

Worcester fs—To Cap^t Oliver Fox one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Summon and
 (L S) Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said
 (L S) town Qualified by law to vote in town meetings
 (L S) (viz) Such as pay to one single tax besides the poll
 or polls a sum equal to two-thirds of a single poll tax to
 assemble at the Towns meeting house in Fitchburg on
 tuesday the eighteenth day of April Current at nine o'clock
 A.M. to act on the following articles — (viz)

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2 To choose a Town Clerk, town Treasurer, Selectmen and [264] all other town officers as the law directs, and act any thing in regard to choosing Collectors as the town may think proper.

3 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their highways and bridges the year ensuing

4 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools the year ensuing or act any thing in regard to laying out said money as they may think proper

5 To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray their necessary expences of the town the present year

6 To see what method the town will take to support their poor the year ensuing or act any thing thereon they may think proper

7 To see if the town will choose a Committee to settle with their town treasurer

8 To see if the town will allow the swine to run at large the present year under the regulation of the law

9 To see if the town will choose a saxon to take care of their burying Ground, or act any thing thereon

10 To see if the town will straighten the road from the southwest corner of Na^t Boughtells land to the meeting house or act any thing thereon the town may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said day & time above mentioned

Given under our hands & Seals at Fitchburg this third day of April AD 1809

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Elijah M ^c intire	
John Farwell	

Worcester fs — Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote in town meetings to meet & assemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable

Fitchburg April 18, 1809

[265] At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on Tuesday April 18 AD 1809

Voted & chose Dea. John Thurston Moderator

Voted & chose Oliver Fox ^{sworn} Town Clerk

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds Clerk Pro. Tem.

Voted & chose Joseph Simonds ^{sworn} Town Treasurer

Voted to chose five Selectmen the present year

Voted & chose Dea. John Thurston, ^{sworn} John Willard ^{sworn} Joseph Downe J ^{sworn} Elijah M^cintire ^{sworn} & John Farwell ^{sworn}

Voted to chose three afsefsors the present year

Voted that the three first Selectmen be the afsefsors the present year — ^{sworn} —

Voted that the Selectmen be the over Seers of the poor the present year

Voted & chose Aaron Eaton, Jabez Sawyer, James Cowdin, William Brown, Joseph Carter, Daniel Andrews, Stephen Dole, Samuel Phelps, Levi Farwell Elijah M^cintire Jr Benjⁿ Shelden, Thomas Litch, Jonathan Thurston Abram

M. Farwell, John Badcock Jacob Stickney Asa Farwell,
& John R. Kemp highway Surveyors highway Surveyors

Voted that the high way surveyors allow for men per
hour Cart plow &c per Day the same as last year, the
price of oxen to be left to the descretion of the surveyors.

Voted & chose Abijah Goodridge Ephraim Kendall
David Baldwin, Abijah Hartwell, John Carter Jr Jon^a
Haskell, Nehemiah Giles, Josiah Brown & Amos Putnam
Jun^r Hogreves hogreves

Voted & chose John R. Kemp. & Joseph Downes J
. Cullers of hoops & Staves
Timothy Garfield & Calvin Mefsender

. Sealers of Leather
Thomas Hilton & Ephraim Kendall . . . Firewards
Pearson Brown & Sylvester P. Flint . . . Field Drivers
Thomas Eaton Jur Pound Keeper
Timothy Garfield & John R. Kemp . . . Tythingmen
John Willard & Thomas Eaton Jr

. Surveyors of Lumber
Samuel Gibson, Benja Fullar & David Boutell

. fence Viewers

Voted that the Collectorship be let out to the lowest
bidder on the hundred Dollars at one o'clock P M. at the
house of Paul Wetherbee 2^d

Voted that the Selectmen be the committee for the
above purpose and report at the adjournment of this
meeting

700\$ Voted to raise seven hundred Dollars to repair
the highways & Bridges the present year

[266] 640\$ Voted to raise six hundred and forty
Dollars for the support of schools the present year

Voted that the school money be laid out the same as
last year.

Voted that there be a school committeeman for each
detrict and be under the detrict respecting laying out
the money

Voted & chose David Boutelle, Asa Woods Zacheus
Farwell, Joseph Downe, Benj. Fullar Phillip F. Cowdin,
Elijah Carter Daniel Flint John Pratt, Nathan Ordway,
Jeremiah Kinsman School Committeemen

Voted to chose a committee to inspect the schools the present year

Voted that the committee consist of five

Voted & chose Rev^d Mr Barton, Revd Mr Bascom Doct Peter Snow, Leonard Burbank & Jos Simonds

. Committee

Voted to pafs over the fifth article till the adjournment

Voted that the overfeers let out the Poor to the best advantage for the town

Voted that there be a committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer

Voted that the committee consist of three

Voted & chose Joseph Fox Esq^r Paul Wetherbee & Levi Farwell for the above Committee

Voted that the committee settle with the treasurer at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to pafs over the Eighth article

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to provid a Saxon to take care of the burying ground

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one & a half hour

The town met according to adjournment

Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to let out the collectorship

Voted & chose Abiel Holt Collector the present year

Voted to Chose two constables the present year

Voted & chose Abiel Holt ^{sworn} & Oliver Fox ^{sworn} Constables

Voted to accept of the report of Joseph Fox, Paul Wetherbee & Levi Farwell on their settlement with the treasurer the 9 day of March last

[267] 500\$ Voted to raise five hundred Dollars to defray the necessary expenc of the town the year ensuing

Voted that the tenth article be pafsed over till the next meeting

Voted to disolve this meeting

John Thurston Moderator

Joseph Simonds Town Clerk pro. Tem

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

April 18: 1809 The committee appointed by the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on the 18th April 1809 to let out the Collectorship to the lowest bidder upon the hundred Dollars, they to find two good bondsman, have attended to that business, and make our report as follows (viz)

\$2:00 The south side of the town was set up to the lowest bidder upon the 100\$ and bid off to Abiel Holt at two Dollar on the hundred

1:98 The North side of the town set up to the lowest bidder upon 100\$ & was bid off to Abiel Holt at one Dollar & ninety eight cent on the hundred Dollars

John Thurston	}	Committee
John Willard		
Joseph Downe Ju		
Elijah McIntire		
John Farwell		

True Coppy

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[268] Worcester, fs — To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

(L S) You are hereby required in the name of the
 (L S) Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify &
 (L S) warn the male inhabitants of said town being
 (L S) twenty one years of age and resident in said town
 for the space of one year next preceding having a
 freehold estate within said town of the annual income of
 three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds,
 to meet at the meeting house on monday the fifteenth
 day of May next at three o'clock. P M. for the purpose
 of chosing one or more Representatives to represent them
 at the General Court appointed to be convened and held
 at Boston on the last wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands and Seals at Fitchburg this
 twenty eighth day of April AD 1809

Hearof fail not and make return of this warrant with
 your doings thereon to some one of us on or before said
 time above mentioned

John Thurston	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard		
Joseph Downe Ju		

Worcester fs. Fitchburg May 15 1809

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Oliver Fox Constable of Fitchburg

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled on Monday 15 May AD 1809

The meeting opened by reading the warrant & the Selectmen presided

A motion was made & sconded to see if the town would not Send & representative & it pafsd in the affirmative

A motion was made to disolve the meeting & it pafsd in the Negative

A motion was made & secod to reconsider the first vote which was not to fend a representative which pafsd in the affirmative

Voted not to send a representative the present year, & the moderator declared the meeting dissolved

John Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Willard	
Elijah Mcintire	
John Farwell	
Oliver Fox Town Clerk	

[269] We the Subscriber two of the Selectmen of Fitchburg and two of the Selectmen of Ashburnham have preambled the line and renewed the bounds between Fitchburg & Ashburnham according to Law

Fitchburg Oct: 13: 1809

Thomas Hobert —	} Selectmen of Ashburnham
by order of Selectmen	
Ruben Rice	
Joseph Downe Jr	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Elijah Mcintire	

True copy

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

We the Subscribers two of the Selectmen of Fitchburg & two of the Selectmen of Westminster have Preambled the line and renewed the bounds between Fitchburg & Westminster according to Law

Jacob Sawyer	{	Selectmen of
Rufus Dodds	}	Westminster
Joseph Downe Jr	{	Selectmen of
Elijah McIntire	}	Fitchburg
Oliver Fox		town Clerk

True copy

We the Subscribers as the law directs have this thirty first day of October one thousand Eight hundred & Nine, Preambulated the lines between the Town of Leominster & Fitchburg and renewed the bounds which are as follows (viz)

Beginning at the southeast corner of Fitchburg at a white Oak Tree, and run west thirty one Degs south Six hundred and ten rods to a heap of stones on Menosnock hill, thence west twenty six Degrees south one hundred & forty rods to a white oak tree & Stones, thence west nine degrees north two hundred & thirty nine rods to a heap of Stones, being the Northwest corner of Leominster

Abel Kendall	{	Selectmen of
Enoch Boutell	}	Leominster
Joseph Downe J	{	Selectmen of
John Farwell	}	Fitchburg
Oliver Fox		town Clerk

True Copy

We the subscribers have this day preambulated the line between the Town of Lunenburg and the town of Fitchburg and renewed the bounds according to law

Josiah Stearns	{	Two of the Selectmen
William Jones J	}	of Lunenburg
John Thurston	{	Two of the Selectmen
Joseph Downe Jr	}	of Fitchburg

May 16 1809

true Copy

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

[270] We the Subscribers selectmen of Fitchburg & Selectmen of Ashby have this day preambled the line &

renewed the bounds between Fitchburg & Ashby according to Law of the Commonwealth Nov^r 20: 1809

Joseph Downe Jr } Selectmen of
John Farwell } Fitchburg

Cushing Burr } Selectmen
of Ashby

True Coppy

Oliver Fox Town Clerk

A division of the school money for the year 1809 made out by the Subscribers Dec^r 4. 1809.

David Boutell committeeman	\$162:78
Asa Woods	47:53
Zach ^s Farwell	50:32
Joseph Downe	48:43
Benj ^a Fullar	38:39
Phillip F. Cowdin	42:96
Elijah Carter	41:64
Daniel Flint	51:27
John Pratt	52:05
Nathan Ordway	67:19
Jeremiah Kinsman Jun ^r	37:44

\$640:00

John Thurston }
John Willard }
Joseph Downe Ju } Selectmen
Elijah Mcintier }
John Farwell }

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